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.....and when there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows My guidance, no fear will be on such people (in the eternal life), nor will they grieve.

The Quran (2:38)

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We never sent any messenger but (speaking) in the language of his people, so that he might clearly convey the message (of the truth) to them.

(The Quran 14:04)

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An Introduction To The Quran

The Quran is the Book of God. In the first quarter of the seventh century, the Quran was revealed to Muhammad Bin Abdullah Bin Abdul Mutallib, by God, in Arabic language. The Quran is completely preserved in the original Arabic language to date. In the text of the Quran, there has not happened any increase or decrease.

The composition of the Quran is in such a manner that - in it - the Creator of mankind is directly addressing mankind. One who reads the Quran himself can feel that his Creator is directly addressing him, 'O man! I am your Creator and Sustainer; I am addressing you in a comprehensible language. O man! Listen to My messages and follow them, because there is your own benefit in it. Only by doing it, you can make your life meaningful.'

There are 114 chapters in the Quran, big and small, and 6236 verses, except for one chapter; each chapter begins with the sentence - **'In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful.'**

In this way, every chapter of the Quran and the entire Quran as a whole is a sign of the fact that the Quran is a manifestation of the grace of God. But this grace is not like rain that every man and woman will automatically be benefitted by it. Only the person really benefits from the Quran, who will sincerely contemplate its messages, and seek guidance in it by being sincere seeker.

The Quran: The Guidance From God

The revelation of the Heavenly Book on a person is an astonishing incident in itself, but it is a necessary incident. Without this incident, the entire life of human being would have remained dark and meaningless. In fact, this incident is by the Giver of life - which unfolds the reality of life. This astonishing incident happened in ancient Arabia. God, through His angel, revealed the Quran on Muhammad Bin Abdullah. Its revelation started in 610 A.D., and was completed in 23 years.

Human being is born in this world, and dies after going through a life-span. According to a survey, an average age of human being in the present world is about seventy years. The greatest need of human being is that he/she must be informed about the reality of life.

The Quran is only Book on the earth, whose theme is the creation plan of God. The Quran tells us what plan the Creator of man has got regarding man. The Quran provides necessary guidance to man, in whose light man can plan his life properly.

The Book Of God

The truth about the Quran is that it is a Book of divine warning. Similarly, it is full of admonitions. The Quran is not composed in a style of literary text, but the fact about the Quran is that it is a Book of wisdom. The purpose of the Quran is that even if its reader reads just one page, or even listens to one sentence, he will still get a message from it, a thought-provoking message.

One important thing of the Quran is that it reminds the blessings of the Most Merciful. God created man with special qualities, and settled him on the planet earth, where every type of life support system is available for him. The aim of the Quran is to remind man that while benefitting from various blessings made available in the world, he should always remember the Giver of the blessings. He should always be grateful towards the Maker of the blessings. While benefitting from the blessings, being grateful towards the Giver, and fulfilling one's obligations towards Him, makes one deserving for the eternal Paradise in the post-death life. And according to the Quran, the Paradise is a planet of never-ending and flawless blessings. On the contrary, getting benefitted from the blessings in the present world, and neglecting their Giver makes one deserving for Hell. And according to the Quran, Hell is a planet devoid of each and every blessing, where no trace of blessing will exist at all. The Quran actually reminds of this greatest reality.

The Quran's way of addressing mankind is a unique way. It would be correct to say about the style of addressing of the Quran that its style is 'the royal style'. While reading the Quran, it seems as if its Author is in such a supreme position, from where He is beholding entire mankind, and He is concerned with entire mankind. He is addressing all human beings from His highest position, although during this address, He turns sometimes towards a group of people, and sometimes towards another.

A special feature of the teaching of the Quran is that its reader can contact its Author anytime. The Author of the Quran is God. He is Living God. With His knowledge and power, He has taken all human beings under His control. He listens directly to everyone and answers him. Thus it is possible for the reader of the Quran to have direct contact with God anytime. He can ask his question to God, and get an answer to his question.

The Quran is an introduction of the Creator of the universe. The Quran tells us that there is One God Who has created this universe. And He alone is continuously running it. He alone is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. Man's past, present and future is totally in His control. There is no other participant in His divinity. There is none worthy of worship except Him. He is the Eternal Living Being. Nothing is out of His control.

The Light - Showing The Right Path

If there is no sun, there will be darkness everywhere on the earth. If there were no stars, the entire universe would be plunged into deep darkness. It is an example of physical illumination. Similarly, human being who is a thinking animal, if he does not get the ideological light, then his ideological existence will also wander in darkness. It is necessary for every person living in this world that his mind should get that guiding light, under which his thinking personality can develop.

Undoubtedly, this need of his - can be fulfilled only by the Maker - Who made him thinking being. Apart from the Creator, man cannot get this light from anywhere else.

In human history, this light has been made available by God. The last and preserved link of that arrangement is the Quran. The Quran introduces man to his True Lord. The Quran makes man aware of the reality of life. The Quran says that man has been created to be an eternal being. His life is divided into two parts - the pre-death part of life and the post-death part of life. The present part is for trial, and the eternal part after death is the result of that trial. The Quran is light for this entire human journey, by using this light man can go through this journey successfully.

Answers To The Natural Questions Of Man

Man did not create himself. There is Someone other than man Who created him. Different from all other creations - the Creator has made human being - a rational being. He did not make human being like a plant, or a mountain, or a beast, or a bird, or an insect, etc. That is why man is in dire need of guidance from the One Who created him. No other guidance can be a substitute for the Creator's guidance. A thinking animal like human being who has got freedom of thought, and freedom of action, if he is deprived of the guidance of his True Master, then he will surely be deprived of the right path.

The present life is a test for discovering the truth. This is the reason why man has got freedom here. In this life of trial, the seeker of the truth has to do that he must discover the guidance of his True Lord.

As a thinking being, man has some natural questions; such as - Who am I? Who created me? Why was I created? What is the purpose of this life? Why is there death? Is death the end of life? How should one lead this life, so that his life will be successful? These questions are inevitable questions of every human being. And getting the correct answers of these questions is necessary for every human being. In fact, these are

the natural questions, and getting answers of these questions is finding the truth. These are such questions that none can get their answers only by his/her own efforts. No scientist or philosopher can ever give answers to these questions.

Man can get answers to these questions only and only through the guidance of the One Who is, in fact, the Creator of man.

The Creator of man has made various arrangements for the fulfillment of all the material needs of man in this world. Then how is it possible for the Creator that by not giving the answers to the inevitable questions of man, He will keep man wandering in ideological darkness? How is it possible for Him to show indifference in this regard? This is impossible, this is impossible for thousand times that the True Creator of man will not guide him. Undoubtedly, the pure and preserved guidance of the True Lord of man is available here, and it must be available here.

The Quran claims about itself that it is the very Book in all the books of the world, which is preserved guidance of the True Lord of mankind. Now the seeker of the truth is required to examine this claim of the Quran on all criteria, being free from all kinds of prejudices. Because the guidance of the True Lord of mankind is the truth. And it is simply understandable thing that the true welfare of man is inherent in the guidance of his True Lord.

The Book: Showing The Creation Plan Of God

It will not be incorrect to say that the entire Quran deals with only two major themes, first - the introduction of God, and second - the creation plan of God. The Quran wants to make man aware of the creation plan of God. What the Quran wants to tell man, he cannot know by his own efforts.

According to the Quran, man is an eternal being, but his life has been divided into two parts, the pre-death period of life and the post-death period of life. The pre-death period is for

performing actions, and the post-death period is for getting result according to one's actions.

In the present world man is completely free, but this freedom is not for the sake of reward, but for the sake of test. In pre-death period, by giving freedom to man, it is being observed that who uses his freedom properly, and who abuses it. Doing good use of freedom means one has to voluntarily bind himself to the discipline of God. Those who do so, will prove themselves deserving for admission into Paradise. Whereas those who misuse the freedom, will be thrown into Hell in the post-death period. Paradise is a place of eternal peace and happiness, whereas Hell is a place of never-ending troubles.

This world is a favorable world for human being in every aspect. According to the need of human being, the life support system has been established here. But according to the Quran, this world is not going to exist like this forever. Like the age of every man and woman, the Creator of this world has also fixed the age of this world. The solar system and our earth are not going to exist like this forever. It is clearly mentioned in the Quran that when the prescribed period is fulfilled as per the plan of God, then the entire system of this world will be terminated. Then after that God will create another world by His power. This other world will be perfect and eternal world. The rules of that world will be completely different from this world.

Man has got freedom in this world, but the next world will be directly under the control of God. In that world, God will establish the perfect justice. In that world, all the facts will be unveiled, which are veiled in today's world for the purpose of test.

Those who have realized the truth through the Quran, the Quran gives them two types of programmes. The first - to follow the commands of God in one's life, and the second - to make other human beings aware of the truth, which they have realized.

Following God's commands and guidance begins with a deeper understanding of the truth. If one discovers the truth through the Quran, then a revolution takes place in him at the intellectual level. Then there comes a change in one's thoughts. His attitude changes about what to follow and what not to; and his life is molded according to the plan of God from inside out. And the discovery of God reveals in his practical life, such as remembering God on various occasions, as well as worshipping God, and good behavior with other servants of God; and he lives his life with the sensitivity that he is accountable to God for all his actions.

The discovery of the truth is not a mechanical phenomenon, but discovering the truth means discovering the reality of life, the purpose of life. And the one who knows the reality of life, then he becomes a new person. The discovery of truth, in fact, gives a complete u-turn to one's life, as if he has got a new life. And the journey of such life is like a plant that has sprouted anew; and it keeps on growing in such a manner that its journey of progress never ends.

Jihad: A Peaceful Ideological Struggle

Those who have discovered the truth through the Quran, such people have to fulfill another social duty, and that is called Dawah-work (i.e. message delivering task), that is the task of making other human beings aware of the truth. This task of calling people to the truth, is a very serious type of task. It is very important to have the spirit of dedication for that task. That is why it is defined in the Quran by the word 'jihad'. Jihad means striving for God's cause with dedication spirit. In the Quran, the believers are commanded, **'Do the jihad, with the help of the Quran - the greater jihad.'**

Obviously, the Quran is not a weapon, but a book which gives us the divine ideology. According to this verse of the Quran that the greater jihad is an ideological jihad.

According to the Quran jihad is a completely non-political act. From beginning to end, it is performed totally in a peaceful

way. Its purpose is to change one's mind. And the act of changing mind is possible only through peaceful appeal and rational arguments. It is never possible through the path of coercion and violence.

In the Quran there are some injunctions regarding war, but according to the Quran, there is only one legitimate way to war, and that is to fight only in defence. It is not lawful to wage a war for any reason other than defence. According to the Quran, peace is recognized as a rule in life, and war as an inevitable exception. The verses about war in the Quran are not even one percent of total verses. And those are not even the permanent commands, but the incidental ones. Those commands were given at the time when there was no other option but to fight with the aggressors. And such a situation had arisen due to the armed attack from the side of opponents. Despite the aggression, every time the prophet made every effort to avoid the war; and he was successful many times in his efforts. But it has rarely happened that all efforts to avoid war have failed. When this happened, unwillingly, the option of war was adopted in self-defence.

And the important thing related to this is that the war in self-defence is allowed to be done only by the established state. Apart from the established government, no non-governmental organization (N.G.O.) is allowed to pursue the path of war at all.

Those who know about the Quran only through media, generally have an impression that the Quran is a jihad-teaching book. And they think that jihad means an attempt to achieve one's desired goal through the path of violence. But this idea is completely based on misunderstanding. But anyone who himself studies the Quran, it will not take long for him to understand that the Quran has nothing to do with violence. The Quran is from beginning to end, a book which promotes peace, and in no way it supports the path of violence. No doubt, the Quran is a book giving the lessons of peace, not of violence.

The Ideology Of The Quran

There is no doubt that the Quran is a book presenting the ideology of peace. It is by no means a book that presents the ideology of violence or war. It is an obvious fact that all the teachings of the Quran are directly or indirectly related to peace. The beginning of the Quran itself begins with this sentence 'In the name of God - the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. And this sentence has come in the Quran for 114 times. This clearly shows that the greatest quality of God - Who sent this Book is compassion. Undoubtedly the theme of this entire Book is 'the mercy of God'.

Much of the Quran strongly supports peace, directly or indirectly. There are 6236 verses in the Quran, but there are hardly 40 verses, in which there are injunctions for war, and that too in self-defence. It means, even one percent verses of the total verses are not related to war.

The Book Of Peace

The Book which begins with the name of the one - Who is the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful; the Book which describes its prophet - 'Mercy For All Humanity'; the Book which calls entire mankind to eternal abode of peace - i.e. Paradise; the Book which describes tolerance as an act of infinite reward; the Book which says that killing an innocent person is the crime of killing all mankind in the eye of God; the Book which says that God is always with the tolerant; the Book which says that God never likes the people who cause corruption in the society; the Book which gives the message that no coercion is in the matter of religion; the Book which says that reconciliation is the best act; the Book which tells those who deny, 'to you - your religion, and to me - my religion!', can such a book ever teach a lesson of violence? Not at all! Not at all!! Not at all!!! Those who relate violence with the Quran, in fact, know nothing about the Quran.

The Quran Calls Mankind To Eternal Abode Of Peace

The Paradise is a world of perfect peace. There is no place for violence in it. The Quran describes Paradise as the eternal abode of peace. Now those who are involved in the acts of violence, how they can get a place in the abode of peace! People with violent attitude can never get a place in Paradise.

Paradise is a place of perfect peace. In that atmosphere of perfect peace, the resident of Paradise will lead his life being true grateful towards God, and ever-peaceful towards his fellow residents.

As far as the present world is concerned, it is a nursery for making such persons deserving for Paradise. In this nursery, the people who fail to prove themselves deserving for Paradise, they will not be allowed to enter into Paradise.

One thing should also be clear that not only physical violence is bad and prohibited in Islam, but verbal violence is also a bad thing in Islam. Not only this, even ideological violence is also unacceptable in Islam.

It has been mentioned at many places in the Quran that those who will reach God with purified souls, only such people will be settled in Paradise. Now it can be clearly understood that, how can there be a place for violence in purified souls? Are acts of violence to be performed in Paradise - which are to be practiced in the present world? Not at all! Not at all!!

According to the prophet of Islam, 'The hearts of residents of Paradise will be like of sparrows.' This makes it clear that there is no place for violence in the hearts of inhabitants of Paradise, neither ideological violence, nor verbal violence, nor physical violence. The most important thing to be understood is that Paradise is the neighborhood of God; and there is no place for any kind of violence in the neighborhood of God. The person who develops his personality in the present world - free from all types of violence, free from all types of negativity, after death such person will be settled in the neighborhood of God - i.e. Paradise.

Preservation Of The Quran: A Historical And Scientific Truth

The Quran has been preserved as it is, it is not just a matter of belief, but a historical and scientific fact.

The ancient copies of the Quran available in the different museums of the world, such as Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Istanbul (Turkey), Birmingham (U.K.) is a historical proof that the Quran is the only ancient book in the world which has been preserved as it is. The ancient copies were confirmed by the scientific method of radiocarbon dating. The results were astonishing, the radiocarbon dating found the manuscript to be at least 1370 years old. And as far as the original text is concerned, the ancient manuscript and the modern printed copy both are exactly same.

The researcher of Birmingham University Mr. David Thomas said about the ancient manuscript, 'The person who actually wrote it could well have known the prophet Muhammad. He would have seen him probably; he would maybe have heard him preach. He may have known him personally.'

In the ancient period the Quran was preserved by the double preserving process. The first, whenever any part of the Quran was revealed, it was written down on the available ancient paper, and the second, it was memorized by many brains. The writing of the Quran by hand continued till the printing press was invented. Simultaneously, it has been being memorized by many brains to date.

When it is proved historically, scientifically, and logically that the Quran is the only preserved word of God, then as a principle, there does not exist any other authentic source in the world except the Quran - to know about God and His plan about man.

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PART – 1

SURAH–1. AL-FAATIHAH

1 In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

2 All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - the Sustainer of all the worlds, 3 the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, 4 Master of the Day of Judgement. 5 You alone - we worship, and to You alone we turn for help. 6 Guide us to the straight path - 7 the path of those upon whom You have bestowed Your grace, not of those who incurred Your wrath, nor of those who went astray.

SURAH–2. AL-BAQARAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 ALIF, LAAM, MEEM. 2 THIS IS THE BOOK (OF GOD); THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. IT IS A GUIDANCE FOR THE GOD-CONSCIOUS - 3 who believe in the unseen (realities), and are steadfast in the prayer, and spend (on others) out of what We have provided for them (as sustenance), 4 and who believe in the revelation sent down to you, as well as in that which was sent down before you, and they firmly believe in the life to come. 5 It is they - who are upon guidance from their Lord, and it is they who will be successful.

6 As for those who are bent on denying the truth - it is all the same for them whether you warn them, or do not warn them, they will never believe. 7 God has set a seal on their hearts and their hearing, and over their eyesight is a covering. They will have a tremendous punishment.

8 Among the people there are some who say, 'We do believe in God and the Last Day,' but (the truth is that) they are not believers. 9 They seek to deceive God and those who have attained to faith, while they deceive none but themselves, though they do not perceive it. 10 In their hearts is a disease (of hypocrisy), so God has increased their disease, for them there is a painful punishment, because of their persistent lying. 11 When they are told, 'Do not cause corruption in the land,' they say, 'We are only improving the things (i.e. we are only reformers),' 12 but, in fact, it is they who are spreading corruption (in the land), but they do not perceive it. 13 And when they are told, 'Believe as other people believe.' They

answer, 'Shall we believe as the fools believe?' (But,) in fact, it is they who are the fools, but they do not know it. **14** And when they meet those who have attained to faith, they say, 'We have believed.' But when they are alone with their evil companions, they say, 'We are definitely with you, we were only mocking (with the believers).' **15** God throws their mockery back at them, leaving them to continue wandering blindly in their transgression, **16** (for) it is they who have bought misguidance at the price of guidance, but neither has their bargain brought them profit, nor have they found true guidance (elsewhere).

17 The likeness of them is as the likeness of one who kindles a fire, but when it illuminates whatever is around him, God takes away their light, leaving them in utter darkness, wherein they cannot see (anything). **18** They are (wilfully) deaf, dumb and blind; they will never return (to the right path). **19** Or their case is like of (those caught in) a rainstorm from the sky, accompanied by darkness, thunder and lightning; they press their fingers into their ears because of thunderpeals, in terror of death; but God encompasses (with His might) all those who deny the truth. **20** It is as if the lightening were about to snatch away their sight; whenever it flashes upon them, they walk in its light, but when darkness covers them, they stand still. And if God had so willed, He could have taken away their hearing and sight. Indeed, God is Ever-Powerful over all things.

21 **O people! Worship your Lord, Who created you, and those who were before you,** so that you may become conscious of Him. **22** (It is He) Who has made the earth a place of settlement for you and the sky a canopy; and (it is He Who) sends down rain from the sky (i.e. from above); and thereby brings out (all types of) fruits for your sustenance. So do not set up equals to God while you know (the truth that He is One). **23** If you are in doubt about the revelation We have sent down to Our servant (Muhammad), then produce a chapter of similar merit, and call upon your witnesses (i.e. your supporters) other than God, if what you say

is true! 24 And if you cannot do it, and you can never do it - then guard yourselves against the Fire whose fuel is human beings and stones, prepared for those who deny the truth. 25 And (O prophet!) give glad tidings to those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds that for them are Gardens through which running waters flow. Whenever they will be given fruits therefrom as (their) provision, they will say, 'This is the same as we were provided with earlier.' For they will be served fruits that look similar. And there will be pure spouses for them, and they will abide therein forever.

26 Indeed, God does not feel shy to give an example of a gnat, or of something further (inferior) than that. Now as for those who have attained to faith, they know that it is the truth from their Lord, but those who deny the truth argue, 'What does God intend by such an example?' He lets many go astray by it, and guides many by it. But He does not let anyone go astray by it, except those who are bent on disobeying - 27 those who break (their) covenant with God after it has been affirmed, and break (the ties) that God has commanded to be maintained, and spread corruption in the land. It is they who are the losers. 28 (O people!) How can you refuse to acknowledge God, (seeing that) you were lifeless, and He gave you life, then He will cause you to die, and then He will bring you again to life, and then to Him you will (all) be brought back? 29 It is He Who created for you all that is on the earth. Thereafter He turned towards the heaven and fashioned it into seven heavens - and He has full knowledge of all things.

30 And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels, 'Behold, I am going to establish on earth - one who will inherit it (i.e. one who will have authority).' They asked (God), 'Will You place someone there who will cause corruption on it and shed blood, while we glorify You with Your praise (and gratitude) and extol Your holiness?' (God) answered, 'Certainly, I know that which you do not know.'

31 He taught Adam the names of all of them, then He presented them to the angels and said, 'Tell Me the names of these, if what you say is true.' 32 They said, 'All Glory be to You, we have no knowledge except whatever You have taught us. Indeed, it is You Who are the All Knowing, the Supreme in wisdom.' 33 Then God said, 'O Adam, inform them of their names.' And when Adam informed them of their names. God said (to the angels), 'Did I not tell you that I (alone) know the hidden realities of the heavens and the earth, and I know what you reveal, and what you conceal?'

34 And (remember) when We said to the angels, 'Prostrate yourselves before Adam!' They all prostrated themselves except Iblees. He refused and acted arrogantly, (thus) he became one of those who deny the truth. 35 And We cautioned, 'O Adam, dwell you and your wife in Paradise, and eat freely (both of you) from it, wherever you may wish, but do not approach this (one) tree, and if you do, you both will become the wrongdoers. 36 But Satan caused them both to stumble from it, and got them out from that (blissful state) in which they were. And We said, 'Go down (you all) from here, as enemies to one another, and on earth will be your dwelling place and provision for a period.' 37 Then Adam received (some) words (of guidance) from his Lord, and He turned towards him (in mercy). Indeed, He (alone) is the Ever-Acceptor of repentance, the Most Merciful. 38 We said, 'Go down, all of you, from here. **And when there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follows My guidance, no fear will be on such people (in the eternal life), nor will they grieve.**

39 But as for those who deny the truth and give the lie to Our messages, they are the inmates of the Fire - they will abide therein forever.'

40 O children of Israel! Remember those blessings of Mine which I bestowed upon you, and fulfil the covenant that you made with Me. I will fulfil the covenant I made with you. And fear Me, and Me alone. 41 (O children of Israel!) Believe in what I have sent down (i.e. the Quran) verifying that (Scripture) which is (already) with you, and do not be the first to deny it. And do not barter away My messages for a trifling gain. And (always) remain conscious of Me, and Me alone. 42 And do not mix up the truth with the falsehood, and do not knowingly hide the truth. 43 And be constant in prayer, and give the Zakah (i.e. prescribed arms), and bow down with those who bow down (in worship). 44 Do you enjoin righteousness upon others, while you forget yourselves (to practice it), although you read the (divine) Book? Will you not then use your reason? 45 And seek (God's) help through patience and prayer. It is indeed hard thing except for those who fear (God), 46 who are certain that they will meet their Lord, and that they will return to Him.

47 O children of Israel! Remember those blessings of Mine which I bestowed upon you, and how I honoured you above all other people. 48 **And remain conscious of (the coming of) a Day when no human being will in the least avail another, when no intercession will be accepted from any (of them), nor will any ransom be taken from any (of them), nor will they be helped.** 49 And (remember) when We saved you from Pharaoh's people who afflicted you with a horrible torment, slaughtering your sons and sparing alive your women. In all that there was a severe trial from your Lord. 50 And (remember) when We cleft the sea for you and saved you, and caused to drown Pharaoh's people, while you were looking (at them). 51 And (remember) when We appointed forty nights for Moses (on Mount Sinai),

in his absence you took to worshipping the (golden) calf, and thus you turned evildoers.

52 Yet even after that We pardoned you, so that you might be grateful. 53 And (remember) when We gave Moses the Scripture (i.e. the Torah) and the criterion (to distinguish between right and wrong), so that you would be (rightly) guided. 54 And (remember) when Moses said to his people, 'O my people! You have indeed wronged yourselves by taking the calf (for worship). So turn in repentance to your Creator and kill (the culprits) among yourselves. That is best for you in your Creator's sight.' Then He accepted your repentance, Indeed, He is the Ever-Acceptor of Repentance, the Most Merciful. 55 And (remember) when you said, 'O Moses, We will never believe you until we see God manifestly.' So the thunderbolt seized you (as a punishment), while you were looking on. 56 Then We revived you after you had been dead, so that you might be grateful. 57 And (remember when) We caused the clouds to provide shade for you and sent down for you manna and quails. (And We said,) 'Eat of the good things We have provided for you.' (And they rebelled, but by rebelling) they did not wrong Us, but they wronged themselves.

58 And (remember) When We said, 'Enter this town (of Jerusalem) and eat freely (and abundantly) from wherever you wish; but enter the gate humbly and say, '(O God!) Relieve us (of the burden of our sins).' We will forgive your sins for you, and We will increase (the reward) for those who do good with excellence.' 59 But the wrongdoers changed the words to something other than what they had been told. So We sent down upon the transgressors a punishment from the heaven, because they were defiantly disobeying. 60 And (remember) when Moses asked (Us) for water for his people. We said (to him), 'Strike the rock with your staff!' Then there gushed out from it twelve springs. Each tribe recognized its drinking place. (Then they were said,) 'Eat and drink from the provision of God, and do not act wrongfully in the land, spreading corruption.' 61 And (remember) when you said, 'O Moses! We cannot endure (to eat only) one kind of food (always); so call

upon your Lord on our behalf to produce for us of what the earth grows - of its vegetables, cucumbers, garlic, lentils and onions.' Moses scolded (them), 'Would you take an inferior thing in exchange for what is better? Go to some town, and there you will find what you demand.' And so humiliation and destitution were stamped upon them, and they incurred the wrath of God, because they persisted in denying the truth of God's messages, and they killed the prophets (of God) without any right, and that was because they rebelled (against God), and they were transgressing.

62 **Indeed, those who have attained to faith (in this divine Book), and those who had become the Jews, and the Christians, and the Sabians (before Muhammad), all those who (truly) believed in God and the Last Day and did righteous deeds, will have their reward with their Lord; they will have no fear, nor will they grieve.**

Note: - The true religion revealed by God for entire mankind has been the one and the same in all ages. All the messengers of God preached the one and the same religion. But before the prophet Muhammad the revealed message was not preserved as it was. The revealed messages were interpolated before the Quran. But the Quran is the only heavenly Book which was preserved as it is. Now every human being is required to believe in the preserved version of heavenly Guidance. But previous to the Quran those people who were delivered the earlier revealed message and they believed and followed it as it was in their times, they too are as equal as the believers in the final and preserved revelation in the sight of God, it does not matter whatever their social identity had been.

Human beings will not be judged in accordance with their social labels, but will be judged in accordance with their belief and actions. If their belief and actions are correct according to God's criterion, then they will have no fear, nor will they grieve in the post-death eternal life.

63 (And remember, O children of Israel!) When We took a covenant from you, and raised the mountain high above you (saying), 'Hold firmly to that (Scripture) which We have given you, and bear in mind what is in it, so that you might become conscious of God.' 64 Then even after that you turned away. And had it not been for God's grace and mercy upon you, you would have certainly been among the losers. 65 And you are aware of those from among you who transgressed in the matter of Sabbath, so We said to them, 'Be as apes despised!' 66 So We made it as a (warning) example (i.e. a deterrent) for their own generation, and for those who followed them, as well as an admonition to all who are conscious of God.

67 And (remember) when Moses said to his people, 'Behold, God commands you to sacrifice a heifer.' They said, 'Are you making a mockery of us?' Moses answered, 'I seek refuge with God from being among the ignorant.' 68 They said, 'Call upon your Lord for us to make clear to us what sort of heifer it should be!' Moses replied, 'God says, the heifer should neither be too old, nor too young, but of an age in between, so do (now) what you are commanded!' 69 They said, 'Call upon your Lord for us (again) to make clear to us what its colour should be.' Moses answered, 'God says, it should be a bright yellow heifer, pleasing to the beholders!' 70 (Again) they said, 'Call upon your Lord for us to make it clear to us what it is (i.e. the exact type of heifer), for to us all heifers look alike. And if God wills, we will indeed be rightly guided.' 71 Moses answered, 'Behold, God says it should be a heifer, which has not been yoked to plough the land, nor to irrigate the fields, (a heifer which is) sound and free from any blemish.' They said, 'Now you have brought the truth!' So they sacrificed it, but (in fact, their sacrifice was like that) they almost did not do it. 72 (O children of Israel! Remember,) when you killed a human being, and then disputed concerning it (i.e. started to blame one another), but God brought that (crime) to light which you were concealing. 73 We instructed, 'Strike the dead body with a piece of the heifer.' Thus God (easily) restores the dead to life; and He shows you His signs, so that you may use your reason.

74 Then after that your hearts hardened and became like rocks, or even harder (than rocks). For there are some rocks from which streams gush forth; and there are others which split asunder, and water flows out from them; while others that fall down in awe of God. And God is never unaware of what you do.

75 Do you (believers still) hope that they will believe in (what) you (are preaching); seeing that there is a group of them who used to hear the Word of God, and then deliberately distort it, even after understanding it? 76 And when they meet those who have attained to faith, they say, 'We (too) have believed', but when they come together privately, they say to each other, 'Do you inform them of what God has revealed to you (about Muhammad), so that they may use it in argument against you before your Lord? Do you not use your reason?' 77 Do they not know that God is aware of what they conceal, and what they reveal?

78 And there are among the unlettered people who have no knowledge of the (divine) Book, except only wishful beliefs, and they do nothing but guesswork. 79 Woe to those who write with their own hands (something which they claim to be) the (divine) Book; and then say, 'This is from God,' in order to acquire a trifling gain thereby. So woe to them for what their hands have written, and woe to them for what they have earned. 80 And they claim, 'The fire will not touch us except for (a few) numbered days.' Say (to them), 'Have you received a promise from God; for God never breaks His promise, or do you attribute something to God which you do not know?' 81 But the truth is that, whoever commits evil and is encompassed by his misdeeds - such are the inmates of Fire, they will abide therein forever. 82 But those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, it is they who are inhabitants of Paradise; they will abide in it forever.

83 And (remember) when We took a covenant from the children of Israel, (saying,) 'Worship none but (the One True) God; and be good to your parents, and to relatives, and the orphans, and the poor; and speak kindly to people; and be

constant in prayer; and spend in charity.' But you turned away (in aversion), except for a few of you, and paid no heed.

84 And (remember) when We took your covenant that you would neither shed one another's blood, nor drive out your own people from your homelands. Then you gave your pledge, and you bore witness (to it). **85** And yet, it is you who kill one another, and drive out some of your own people from their homelands, supporting one another against them in sin and hostility; and when those (expelled ones) come to you as captives, you ransom them, although the very (act of) driving them out was unlawful to you! Do you then believe in some parts of the (divine) Book and deny the other? Then what should be the recompense for those who do so among you, except humiliation in the life of this world, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be subjected to the severest punishment? God is never unaware of what you do. **86** Such are those who buy the life of this world at the cost of the eternal life, so their punishment will not be lightened, nor will they be helped.

87 Indeed, We gave Moses the (divine) Book, and sent after him successive messengers. And We gave Jesus - the son of Mary, clear evidence of the truth; and strengthened him with Holy Spirit. Why is it that every time a messenger came to you with something which you did not like, you grew arrogant, so you gave the lie to some of them, while you killed others? **88** But they say, 'Our hearts are unreceptive (against whatever you say).' In fact, God has condemned them because of their refusal to acknowledge the truth, so little is it that they believe.

89 And when there came to them a Book from God, confirming the truth what was with them (they denied it); though before that they used to pray for victory over those who were deniers of the truth. But when there came to them something which they did recognize (as the truth), they denied it. So God's condemnation is the due of all who deny the truth. **90** Evil is that for which they have sold their own souls by denying the truth of what God has sent down, and resenting God for granting His grace to whom He wills of His servants,

and thus they have incurred wrath upon wrath. Humiliating punishment awaits those who deny the truth.

91 When it is said to them, 'Believe in what God has sent down,' they reply, 'We believe (only) in what was sent down to us'; and they deny the truth of that which has been sent down after that, even though it is the truth, confirming that which they already have. Ask (them), 'Then why did you kill God's prophets before, if you were (truly) believers?' 92 Indeed, there came to you Moses with clear evidence of the truth, but in his absence, you took to worshipping the (golden) calf, and you were wrongdoers. 93 And (remember) We accepted your pledge, raising Mount (Sinai) high above you, (saying,) 'Hold firmly to that (Scripture) which We have given you and listen (and obey).' But they said, 'We hear, but we disobey.' For their hearts were filled with the love of the calf, because of their refusal to acknowledge the truth. Say, 'Evil is that to which your (so-called) faith enjoins you, if you are (indeed) believers!' 94 Say, 'If the home of eternal life (i.e. the success of eternal life) with God is to be exclusively for you (O Israelites) among all humans; then you should long for death, if you are sincere.' 95 But never will they long for it, because (they are aware) of what their hands have sent ahead (i.e. evil deeds). And God has full knowledge of the evildoers. 96 And you will most certainly find them clinging to life more eagerly than any other people, even more than those who ascribe divinity to other beings besides God (i.e. polytheists), everyone of them wishes to live a thousand years, although the grant for such a long life cannot save him from the punishment (in the Hereafter). And God sees all that they do.

97 Say (O prophet), 'Whoever is an enemy of Gabriel should know that he brought down this (divine Book) upon your heart by God's will, which confirms the truth of what came before it, and is a guidance and good news for those who believe.' 98 Whoever is an enemy of God, and His angels, and His messengers, and of Gabriel, and of Michael, (should know that) God is certainly the enemy of all who deny the truth. 99 Indeed, We have sent down to you clear messages, but none

denies their truth except the transgressors. **100** Is it (not so) that every time they make a covenant (with God), some of them cast it aside? In fact, most of them do not believe. **101** Now when a messenger from God has come to them, confirming (the truth of) what was with them (i.e. their own scriptures), some of those who were given the Book before cast off the Book of God behind their backs, as if they had no knowledge.

102 They (instead) followed that (sorcery) promoted by the evil ones during the reign of Solomon. It was not Solomon who denied the truth, rather those evil ones did the act of denying the truth by teaching people sorcery, and that which was sent down to Harut and Marut - the two angels in Babylon. But neither of these two taught it to anyone without first declaring, 'We are only for a trial, therefore do not deny (God's guidance).' Yet they learnt from them by which they caused discord between a person and his spouse, but they harmed no one thereby, except by God's leave. They learned what harmed them and did not benefit them. And they knew that whoever acquires this (knowledge) would have no share in (the bliss of) the Hereafter. Evil indeed was that for which they sold their souls, if only they had known it. **103** And if they had believed (the truth) and been conscious of Him, then indeed, the reward from God would have been far better for them, if they had but known it.

104 O you who have attained to faith! Do not say (to the prophet, ambiguous words such as), 'Raina' (i.e. herd us), but say, '(Words of respect such as) Unzurna' (i.e. give us your attention), and listen (attentively to him). For those who deny the truth is there a painful punishment.

Note: - Some people would sit in the prophet's company, and by playing with words make a mockery of his teachings. For that they would purposely use ambiguous words, e.g. the word 'raina' when pronounced with short vowel as 'raina,' it means 'listen to us.' And when it is pronounced with long vowel as 'rai:na,' it means, 'our shepherd.'

105 They who deny the truth from among the people of the (earlier) Book, or from among those who associate partners with God (i.e. polytheists) do not like that any good should be sent down to you from your Lord; but God chooses for His grace whom He wills. God is (the Source) of infinite bounty. 106 If We (ever) abrogate a verse or cause it to be forgotten, We replace it with a better one or similar to it. Do you not know that God is Ever-Powerful over everything? 107 Do you not know that God's is the dominion over the heavens and the earth, and that besides God you have none to protect or help you? 108 Do you want to question the messenger (sent) to you just as Moses was questioned previously? But whoever exchanges faith for disbelief has certainly strayed from the right path.

109 Many of the people of the Book, out of their selfish envy, would like to bring you back to denying the truth after you have attained to faith, (even) after the truth has become clear to them. Nonetheless, forgive and forbear (with them), until God makes manifest His command. Indeed, God is Ever-Powerful over everything. 110 And be constant in prayer and render the purifying dues (i.e. Zakah). Whatever good (deed) you send forth for your own selves, you will (certainly) find (its reward) with God. Indeed, God sees all that you do. 111 And they claim, 'None will ever enter Paradise unless he (or she) be a Jew or a Christian.' Such are their wishful beliefs! Say, 'Produce your evidence, if what you say is true!' 112 In fact, whoever surrenders his whole being to God, and is a (sincere) doer of good, will have his reward with his Lord; and all such will have no fear, nor will they grieve.

113 (Furthermore,) the Jews assert, 'The Christians have no valid ground to stand on (i.e. no ground for their beliefs),' while the Christians assert, 'The Jews have no valid ground to stand on (i.e. no ground for their beliefs).' Yet they all recite the (divine) Book. Even those who have no knowledge (of the divine Book) say the same. God will surely judge between them on the Day of Resurrection (all those matters) in which

they used to differ. **114** And who is greater wrongdoer than the one who prevents God's name from being mentioned in the houses of worship and strives for their destruction? Such people do not deserve to enter them except in fear (of God)? For them in this world is disgrace; and for them in the eternal life to come is a tremendous punishment. **115** And God's is the east and the west; so wherever you turn, there is God's presence (i.e. you are always in God's infinite sight). Indeed, God is All-Encompassing, All Knowing. **116** (Yet) some people assert, 'God has taken to Himself a son!' All Glory be to Him! In fact, to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth; all things devoutly obey Him (i.e. obey His will). **117** (He is) the Originator of the heavens and the earth; and whenever He wills a thing to be, He simply tells it, 'Be!' And it is (i.e. it comes into existence).

118 (Only) those who are devoid of knowledge say, 'Why is it that God does not speak to us, nor does a (miraculous) sign come to us?' Thus said those who were before them (uttering) similar statements. Their hearts are all alike. Indeed, We have made all the signs manifest for the people who are endowed with inner certainty. **119** We have surely sent you (O prophet) with the truth, as a bearer of glad tidings and a warner; and you will not be held accountable for those who deserved for the blazing Fire. **120** And the Jews will never be pleased with you, nor yet the Christians, unless you follow their own creeds. Say,

'Indeed, God's guidance is the only (true) guidance.'

And if you followed their desires (i.e. their errant views) after the knowledge which has come to you, then you would have none to protect you from God, and none to help you. **121** Those to whom We have given the (divine) Book follow it, as it should be followed; it is they who (truly) believe in it. Whereas all who (choose to) deny its truth, it is they who are the losers!

122 O children of Israel! Remember those blessings of Mine which I bestowed upon you, and how I honoured you above all other people. 123 And remain conscious of (the coming) of a Day when no human being will (in the least) avail another; and no ransom will be accepted from any (of them), nor will intercession be of any use to any (of them), nor will they be helped. 124 (Remember) when Abraham was tested by his Lord with (certain) commandments, which he fulfilled. God said, 'I will certainly make you a (spiritual) leader for mankind.' Abraham asked, 'And (will you make spiritual leaders) of my offspring as well?' God answered, 'My covenant does not extend to the evildoers.'

125 And (remember) when We made the House (the Kaabah) a place of (frequent) return for the people and a place of security, (and We said,) '(O believers) make the place where Abraham stood (for prayer) - a place of worship.' And We commanded Abraham and Ishmael, 'Purify My House for those who circle around it, and those who seclude themselves for devotion (and prayer in it), and those who bow down and prostrate themselves (in prayer).' 126 And (remember) when Abraham prayed, 'O my Lord, make this city (of Makkah) - a city of peace, and provide its inhabitants the sustenance of fruits, whoever of them believes in God and the Last Day.'

GOD ANSWERED, 'AND WHOEVER DENIES THE TRUTH, I WILL LET HIM (TOO) ENJOY FOR A SHORT WHILE, BUT IN THE END I WILL DRIVE HIM TO THE TORMENT OF THE FIRE - WHAT A TERRIBLE DESTINATION!'

Note: - The life of this world is a trial for seeking the truth, for that purpose, man has been given freedom, freedom for accepting the truth or denying it. In this life of trial, it is never going to happen that the deniers of the truth will be deprived of the boons of God. When such people benefit from those boons, they think that they are on the right path, but the fact is, whatever the deniers are getting in this life, it is due to the respite given for the sake of trial. But in the end the deniers are bound to reach the evil destination. Due to the trial, all are participating in the blessings of God now, but on the Day of Judgement - those who did not prove themselves deserving for the blessings of the Creator will be deprived of them.

127 And (remember) when Abraham and Ishmael were raising the foundations of the House (i.e. Kaabah), (they prayed,) 'O our Lord! Accept this from us. Indeed, You (alone) are the All Hearing, the All Knowing! **128** O our Lord! Make us both (fully) surrender ourselves to You, and make out of our descendants a community that will surrender itself to You, and show us our ways of worship, and turn to us (in mercy). You (alone) are the Ever-Acceptor of repentance, the Most Merciful! **129** O our Lord! Raise up in their midst a messenger from among themselves, who will convey them Your messages, and teach them the (divine) Book as well as wisdom, and cause them to grow in purity, You (alone) are the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom!'

130 And who will turn away from the way of Abraham except the one who fools himself? We certainly chose him in this world, and in the eternal life he will surely be among the righteous. **131** When his Lord said to him, 'Submit (to My Will).' He answered, 'I submit myself to the Sustainer of all the worlds.' **132** And this very thing Abraham enjoined to his children, and (so did) Jacob (saying), **'O my children! Indeed, God has chosen this religion for you; so do not die except you are submissive to Him.'** **133** Or were you present when Jacob faced the hour of death, and he asked his children, 'Who will you worship after I am

gone?' They answered, 'We will (continue to) worship your God, and the God of your forefathers - Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac, the One (True) God, to Him we (all) have submitted ourselves.' 134 That was a community which has passed away, it will have whatever it earned, and you will have whatever you have earned. And you will not be questioned about what they used to do.

135 And they say, 'Be Jews or Christians, then you will be on the right path.' Say, 'Rather, (we follow only) the way of Abraham - the upright one (who turned away from all which is untruth); and he was not of those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God.' 136 Say, 'We believe in God and whatever has been sent down to us, and whatever was sent down to Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and their descendants, and whatever was given to Moses and Jesus, and whatever was given to all the prophets by their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them. And it is to Him that we have submitted ourselves.' 137 So if they believe as you have believed, then indeed, they are (rightly) guided; but if they turn away, then surely they are only in opposition (to the truth). God will surely suffice (to protect) you against them. For He is the All-hearing, the All-knowing. 138 **(Say, 'Our dye is) the dye of God, and who has better dye than God's? (i.e. our way of life is God-oriented, and no way of life is better than God oriented.) We worship Him (alone).'** 139 Say, 'Do you (people of the Book) argue with us about God, when He is our Lord as well as your Lord? We are accountable for our deeds and you for yours, and we are (sincerely) devoted to Him (alone).' 140 Do you claim that Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and their descendants were Jews or Christians? Say, 'Do you know more than God does?' And who can be more unjust than the one who conceals the testimony given to him by God? God is never unaware of what you do? 141 That was a community, which has passed away, it will have whatever it earned; and

you will have whatever you have earned. You will not be questioned about what they used to do.

PART – 2 **142** The foolish among the people will ask, 'What has made them turn away from the direction of prayer which they used to face?' Say, 'God's is the east and the west; He guides whom He wills to the straight path.' **143** Thus We have made you a middle nation, so that (O believers,) you may act as witnesses for mankind, and the messenger may be a witness for you. We assigned your former direction of prayer only to make evident the one who follows the messenger (of God) from the one who turns back on his heels. It was certainly a difficult test, except for those whom God has guided. God will never let your faith go to waste. For God is Ever-Compassionate and Most Merciful towards mankind.

144 (O prophet!) We have frequently seen you turn your face towards heaven (for guidance). Now We will make you turn towards a direction of prayer (i.e. the Qiblah) that will please you. So turn your face towards the direction of the Inviolable House of worship (i.e. Masjid-al-Haraam at Makkah). And wherever you (all) may be, turn your faces in its direction (in prayer). Those who were given the (divine) Book (in the past) certainly know that this (commandment) is the truth from their Lord; and God is never unaware of what they do. **145** And yet, even if you brought to those, who were (previously) given the (divine) Book - every sign, they would not follow your direction of prayer, nor would you follow their direction of prayer, nor would any of them follow the prayer direction of the other. And if you followed their desires after knowledge (of the truth) has come to you, then you would certainly be among the evildoers. **146** Those to whom We gave the (divine) Book (previously), recognize it (i.e. recognize the Quran to be the Word of God) just as they recognize their own sons. Yet a group of them hides the truth knowingly. **147** (This is) the truth from your Lord! So never be of those who doubt.

148 And for everyone is a direction towards which he turns. So compete with one another in doing good. Wherever you

may be, God will gather you all (on the Day of Resurrection). Indeed, God is Ever-Powerful over all things. 149 And from wherever you come forth (for prayer), turn your face in the direction of the Inviolable House of worship, this is certainly the truth from your Lord. And God is never unaware of what you do. 150 And from wherever you come forth (for prayer, O prophet), turn your face in the direction of the Inviolable House of worship, and wherever you (believers) are, turn your faces in the direction of it, so that people will not have any argument against you, except for the evildoers among them. So do not fear them, but fear Me, so that I may complete My favour upon you, and that you may follow the right path. 151 Similarly (to complete Our blessings on you), We have sent among you a messenger of your own - to recite Our messages, and cause you to grow in purity, and teach you the (divine) Book and wisdom, and to teach you what you did not know. 152 So remember Me, and I will remember you; and be grateful to Me, and never be ungrateful to Me.

153 O you who have attained to faith! Seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, God is with those who are steadfast (i.e. those who patiently endure).

Note: - In this verse of the Quran God addresses the believers and shows them the path through which one can get His help; and that is the path of patience and prayer. And God promises that He is always with those who follow this path.

In fact, patience is not inaction, but it is avoidance of sudden and outburst reaction, it is a planned and result- oriented action.

154 Never say about those who are killed in God's cause, 'They are dead,' In fact, they are alive! But you do not perceive (it). 155 We will certainly test you with some fear and famine, and (by means of) loss of worldly goods, and lives and fruits (i.e. crops). But give glad tidings to those who are steadfast - 156 who, when calamity strikes them, say, 'Verily to God do we belong, and to Him we will (all) return.' 157 It is they - upon

whom are blessings and mercy from their Lord, and it is they who are on the right path!

158 Indeed, (the hills of) Safa and Marwa are among the symbols set up by God; so whoever performs Hajj or Umrah, there is no blame on him in walking to and fro between (the two hills). And whoever does good voluntarily (i.e. if one does more good than he is bound to) - then indeed, God is Ever-Appreciative, All-Knowing.**159** Indeed, those who conceal of the evidence of the truth and the guidance which We have sent down, after We have made it clear through the (divine) Book for mankind, it is they who are condemned by God and (all) those who condemn, **160** except for those who repent, and mend their ways, and openly declare the truth (- what they had concealed), it is they - whose repentance I will accept, for I am the Ever-Acceptor of repentance, the Most Merciful. **161** Indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth and die as deniers of the truth, upon them is God's condemnation, and the condemnation of angels, and of (righteous) people altogether. **162** In this state they will remain forever, their punishment will not be lightened, nor will they be granted any respite.

163 **AND YOUR GOD IS ONLY ONE GOD.**

There does not exist any deity except Him (i.e. there is none worthy of worship except the One True God) - the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

164 Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth; and in the alternation of the night and the day; and the ships which sail through the sea with that which benefits people, and in the rain which God sends down from the sky - giving life thereby to the earth after it had been lifeless, and in dispersing of all

kinds of moving creatures over it; and in the changing of the winds and the clouds controlled between the heaven and the earth - (in all this) there are surely (messageful) signs - for those who use their reason.

165 (Yet) among people there are some who set up equals with God, they love them as they should love God, whereas those who have attained to faith love God most.

Note: - True believers are those - whose supreme concern is God.

And if they who are bent on evildoing could but see the (horrible) punishment (awaiting them), they would certainly realize that all might belongs to God alone, and that God is indeed Severe in (executing) punishment.

166 (On that Day) when (it comes to pass,) they will see (their) punishment, those who had been (falsely) followed disown their followers, and all their ties (of relation) will be cut off. **167** And then those (misled) followers will cry, 'If only we had (one more chance) to return (to the worldly life), we would disown them as they have disowned us (now)!' God will thus show them their deeds in a manner (that) cause them bitter regrets; but they will never (be able to) come out of the Fire.

168 O people! Eat of that which is lawful and good on the earth, and do not follow Satan's footsteps, for he is truly your sworn enemy. **169** He only incites you to do evil; and to commit deeds of abomination, and to attribute to God something of which you have no knowledge. **170 But when they are told, 'Follow what God has sent down,' they answer, 'Nay, we will (only) follow that which we found our**

forefathers practicing.' (Would they still do so!) Even if their forefathers did not use their reason at all, and were devoid of the (true) guidance? **171** The example of the deniers (who do not respond the messenger's warning) is like cattle not understanding the calls and cries of the shepherd (i.e. the response of the deniers to guidance is like an animal). They are (wilfully) deaf, dumb and blind, for they do not use their reason.

172 O you who have attained to faith! Eat of the good things which We have provided for you (as sustenance), and be grateful to God, if it is He (alone) Whom you (truly) worship. **173** (O believers!) He has only forbidden you (to eat) carrion, blood, and the flesh of swine, and what is slaughtered in the name of any other than God. But if someone is compelled by necessity, neither driven by desire, nor exceeding his immediate need - then there will be no sin upon him. For God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. **174** Indeed, those who conceal what God has revealed of the (divine) Book, and barter it away for a trifling gain, these are they who fill their bellies with nothing but Fire. On the Day of Resurrection, God will neither speak to them, nor will He purify them (of their sins); and they will suffer a painful punishment. **175** It is they who buy error in exchange for guidance; and punishment (in exchange) for forgiveness. How bold they are (for doing evil deeds which will push them) to the Fire! **176** That is because God has sent down the Book with the truth. And surely those who differ regarding it are totally engrossed in opposition.

177 Righteousness is not in turning your faces towards the east or the west. Rather, (true) righteousness is (in) the one who believes in God and the Last Day, and (believes in) the angels

and (the revealed) Book, and the prophets; and gives wealth, in spite of love for it - to his close relatives, and to orphans, and to the poor, and to the (needy) wayfarers, and to those who ask (for help), and in freeing the human beings from bondage; and is constant in prayer and renders the purifying dues; and (truly pious are) they who keep their promise whenever they promise; and they who are steadfast in suffering and hardship and in times of struggle - it is they who have proved themselves true (in faith), and it is they who are conscious of God.

178 O you who have attained to faith! Just retribution is ordained for you in cases of killing; a free man for a free man, and a slave for a slave, and a woman for a woman. But if the offender is pardoned by the (victim's) guardian (or by the close relatives of the killed against blood money), then (the matter should be dealt by) adhering to fairness, and the payment (of the blood money) to the heir should be made with fairness. This is an alleviation from your Lord and an act of His grace. But whoever transgresses the limits after that will suffer a painful punishment. **179** In (this law of) retribution, O you who are endowed with insight, there is (security of) life for you, so that you might become conscious of God! **180** It is prescribed for you, when death approaches any of you, and he (i.e. the dying person) leaves behind any wealth, a will should be made in favour of his parents and close relatives in accordance with what is fair, this is binding on all who are mindful of God. **181** But whoever changes the will after hearing it (after the death of the one who made the will), then surely the sin (of acting thus) will fall only upon those who have made the change. Indeed, God is All-Hearing, All Knowing. **182** But if one has (reason) to fear that the testator committed a mistake or a (deliberate) wrong, and thereupon brings about a (fair) settlement between them (i.e. between the heirs), then there is no sin upon him (thereby). Indeed, God is Most Forgiving and Most Merciful.

183 O you who have attained to faith! Fasting is ordained for you as it was ordained for those before you, so that you may become conscious of God. **184** (Fasting is for) a prescribed number of days, but whoever among you is ill or on a journey,

(let him fast for) the same number of days later (i.e. after Ramdaan). As for those who can (fast, but with hardship), a compensation can be made by feeding a needy person (for each day not fasted). But whoever does more good (than he is bound to do), it is better for him, but to fast is better for you, if you but knew it.

185 **RAMADAAN IS THE MONTH IN WHICH THE QURAN WAS SENT DOWN AS A GUIDE FOR MANKIND** (i.e. the first revelation was sent down in the month of Ramdaan), and (it is) a self-evident proof of guidance and the criterion (to distinguish between right and wrong). So whoever of you witnesses this month should fast in it, but if anyone is sick, or on a journey should fast a similar number of days later on. God wants ease for you, and He does not want you to suffer hardship. (But He wants that) you should complete the (prescribed) period, and proclaim the greatness of God for having guided you, so that you may be grateful.

186 And when My servants ask you (O prophet) concerning Me, (say to them,) 'I am indeed near, I respond to the invocation of the invoker when he invokes Me; let them, then, respond to Me (with obedience), and believe in Me, so that they may be (rightly) guided.' **187** It has been made permissible for you to be intimate with your wives during the nights of the fasts. Your spouses are a garment for you as you are for them. God is Aware that you were deceiving yourselves, so He has turned in mercy towards you and pardoned you. So now you may be intimate with them, and seek what God has prescribed for you. And eat and drink until the white thread of dawn becomes distinct to you from the black thread (of night). Then complete the fast until nightfall. Do not be intimate with your spouses when you seclude yourselves in the mosques (for devotional purpose). These are the bounds (set by) God, so do not approach them. This is how God makes clear His messages to people, so that they may become conscious of Him. **188** And

do not devour one another's wealth wrongfully, nor offer it (as bribes) to the officials, so that you may sinfully and knowingly devour a part of that wealth, (which is by right) belongs to others.

189 They ask you (O prophet) about the new moons. Say, 'They are a means of determining time for people and for Hajj (the pilgrimage).' It is not righteousness that you enter the houses from the back-doors (upon returning from the pilgrimage), rather, the righteousness is to be mindful of God. So enter your houses through their (proper) doors, and remain conscious of God, so that you may be successful. 190 **AND FIGHT IN GOD'S CAUSE AGAINST THOSE WHO FIGHT AGAINST YOU, but do not commit aggression, for God does not like aggressors.**

Note: - This verse of the Quran clearly shows that Islam is not a political mission, but it is an ideological mission - spreading the ideology of the truth. But in the way of spreading the ideology, Islam faces the aggressors, then it responds the aggressors for the sake of self-defence.

191 And fight those (who fight you) wheresoever you find them, and drive them out of the places from which they drove you out; for (religious) persecution is far worse than killing. But do not fight them at the Inviolable House of worship, unless they fight against you there (first), but if they fight against you, then fight them; such is the recompense of those who deny the truth. 192 **BUT IF THEY DESIST, THEN INDEED, GOD IS MOST FORGIVING, MOST MERCIFUL** 193 Fight against them (i.e. against the persecutors) until there is no more (religious) persecution, and religion belongs to God alone. But if they stop (persecuting you), then let there be no hostility, except against the aggressors.

194 The Inviolable month is for the Inviolable month (in which fighting is not allowed unless you are attacked); and violation of the sanctity is (subject to just) retribution. So if anyone commits aggression against you, retaliate against him in the same measure as he has committed aggression against you, **BUT REMAIN CONSCIOUS OF GOD, AND KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH THOSE WHO ARE CONSCIOUS OF HIM.** **195** And spend in God's cause, and do not cast yourselves into destruction by your own hands. Do good with excellence, indeed, God loves those who do good with excellence.

196 And perform the Hajj and Umrah (Hajj is the main pilgrimage, and Umrah is a minor pilgrimage) in honour of God. But if you are prevented (from doing so), then offer whatever you can afford with ease of sacrificial animal. And do not shave your heads until the sacrificial animal reaches its destination (i.e. the place of sacrifice). But he among you who is ill, or suffers from an ailment of the head, then he must offer a ransom of fasting or of charity or of sacrificial offering. And when you are secure, and whoever performs Umrah (in the month of Hajj) followed by Hajj will give whatever sacrificial offering he can easily afford; but he who cannot afford it, will fast for three days during hajj and for seven days after returning (home); that is ten days in all. This is for he whose family does not live near the Inviolable House of worship (i.e. Kaabah). And remain conscious of God, and know that God is Severe in retribution. **197** For Hajj there are months well known. Whoever intends to perform it during them must abstain from lewd speech, and from all wicked conducts, and from quarrelling during Hajj. Whatever good you may do, God is fully Aware of it. Take (necessary) provisions (for the journey) - surely the best of all provisions is God-consciousness, remain, then, conscious of Me, O you who are endowed with insight.

Note: - A commitment to pilgrimage is made in appointed months, although pilgrimage is performed over the course of a few days in the 12th month of Islamic calendar.

198 There is no sin upon you for seeking the bounty from your Lord (during Hajj). When you return from (the plains of) Arafat, remember God at the Muzdalifah (the sacred landmark); and remember Him for having guided you, for surely before this (guidance) you were among those who were astray. 199 Then move on from where the pilgrims move on, and seek God's forgiveness. Indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 200 And when you have performed your acts of worship (prescribed for you, continue to) bear God in mind as you would bear your own forefathers in mind (before Islam), nay, with a yet keener remembrance! Among the people there are some who say, 'O our Lord! Grant us (all things) in this (very) world,' but such will not partake (in the blessings of) the eternal life. 201 But among them are some who pray, 'O our Lord! Grant us good in this world and good in the eternal life, and keep us safe from the torment of the Fire,' 202 It is they who will have their portion (of happiness in return) for the good they have done. And God is quick to settle accounts. 203 **And bear God in mind during the appointed days,** so whoever hastens to leave in two days, there is no sin upon him; and for one who stays on, there is no sin upon him (too), provided that he is conscious of God, hence, remain conscious of God; and know that you will all be gathered to Him.

Note: - The days of Hajj should become for the Hajj- performer - the days of deep realization of God. Thus the journey of Hajj becomes a great journey of meeting God for the Hajj-performer.

204 And of the people is he (i.e. a hypocrite) whose view on the life of this world may impress you, and he even calls God to witness as to whatever is in his heart, yet he is the most quarrelsome of opponents. 205 And when he turns away (from the truth), he strives to spread corruption in the land and destroys crops and livestock. (But) God does not like corruption. 206 And whenever he is told, 'Be conscious of God,' his arrogance drives him to sin. Then, Hell is sufficient

for him - a dreadful resting place! **207** And of the people is he who dedicates himself seeking the pleasure of God. And God is Most Compassionate towards His servants.

208 O you who have attained to faith! Enter into Islam completely (i.e. surrender yourselves to God whole-heartedly), and do not follow the footsteps of Satan, for he is your truly sworn enemy (i.e. Satan is none but an enemy for you). **209** But if you deviate after clear proofs of the truth have come to you, then know that God (alone) is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. **210** Are they waiting (perchance) for God to reveal Himself to them in the shadows of the clouds, (together with) the angels? (If He did so,) then the matter would be settled (at once). And to God all matters will be returned (for final Judgement). **211** Ask the children of Israel, how many clear signs We have given them. And whoever changes God's blessing (i.e. God's blessed message) after it has reached him, then indeed, God is Severe in retribution.

212 THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD HAS BEEN MADE TO APPEAR ATTRACTIVE FOR THOSE WHO DENY THE TRUTH. They ridicule those who have attained to faith, but they who are conscious of God will rank above them on the Day of Resurrection. And God grants sustenance to whom He wills without measure.

213 All mankind was once a single community (free from different creeds). (Then they began to differ,) so God raised up prophets as bearers of glad tidings and as warners; and sent down with them the Book with the truth to judge among people concerning that in which they differed. But none differed about the Scripture except those who were given it, after clear evidence of the truth had come to them - out of mutual jealousy. Then God guided the believers to the truth concerning that over which they had differed, in accordance with His will. God guides whom He wills to the straight path. **214** Do you

think that you will be admitted into Paradise without being tested like those before you who were tested? They were afflicted with suffering and adversity, and were so (violently) shaken up that (even) the messenger and the believers with him cried out, 'When will God's help come?' Oh, indeed, God's help is near!

215 They ask you (O prophet), what they should spend. Say, 'Whatever (of your) wealth you spend will (first) be for your parents, and for close relatives, and the orphans, and the poor, and the (needy) wayfarers. God is Ever-Aware of whatever good you do.' **216** Fighting (against aggressors and persecutors) has been made obligatory upon you (believers), even though you dislike it, but you may dislike something while it is good for you, and perhaps you like something while it is bad for you. God knows, and you do not know.

217 They ask you about fighting in the sacred months. Say, 'Fighting therein is a great sin, but (much) greater sin in the sight of God is to hinder others from the path of God, and to deny Him, and (to prevent access to) the Inviolable House of worship, and expel its people therefrom. For persecution is far worse than killing.' And they (i.e. your enemies) will not cease to fight against you until they turn you away from your faith - if they can. And whoever of you turns back from his faith, and dies as a denier of the truth - it is they whose deeds have become nothing in this world, and in the (post-death) eternal life, it is they who will be the inmates of the Fire, they will abide in it forever. **218** But those who have attained to faith and emigrated (i.e. forsaken the domain of evil), and striven hard for God's cause, it is they who may look forward to God's mercy; God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

219 They ask you (O prophet) about intoxicants and gambling. Say, 'In both there is great sin, although (some) benefits for people, but their sin is far greater than their benefit.' They (also) ask you what they should spend (in God's cause). Say, '(Whatever is) the surplus (to your needs).' Thus God makes clear to you His messages, so that you may reflect

220 upon this world and the eternal life to come. They ask you about orphans. Say, 'Serving their interests is best. And if you mix your affairs with theirs, (remember that) they are your brothers (in faith).' God knows who intends harm and who intends good. And if God had so willed, He could have made things difficult for you. Behold, God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.

221 (O believers!) Do not marry women who ascribe divinity to others besides God until they attain to (the true) faith, for a believing bondwoman is certainly better than a free woman who associates partners with God, however pleasing she may appear to you. And do not give (believing women) in marriage to those who ascribe divinity to others besides God, until they attain to (true) faith, for a believing bondman is certainly better than a free man who associates partners with God, however pleasing he may appear to you. **THESE (I.E. POLYTHEISTS) CALL YOU TO THE FIRE, WHILE GOD CALLS YOU TO PARADISE AND TO FORGIVENESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WILL.** He makes His messages clear to people, so that they may bear them in mind. 222 They ask you (O prophet) about menstruation. Say, 'It is vulnerable condition, so keep away from your wives during menstruation. And do not approach them to be intimate until they are cleansed. Once they are cleansed, then you may approach them in the manner specified by God.' Indeed, God loves those who (always) turn to Him in repentance, and He loves those who purify themselves. 223 Your wives are (as) your tilth, go, then into your tilth as you wish, and send forth something good for yourselves. Remain conscious of God; and know that you will meet Him. And give glad tidings to those who believe.

224 And do not use God's name as an excuse in your oaths for not doing good, and for not being God-conscious, and for

not making peace among people. God is All-Hearing and All-Knowing. 225 God will not call you to account for what is unintentional in your oaths, but He will call you to account (only) for what your hearts have earned (i.e. what your hearts have intended). And God is Most Forgiving, Most Forbearing. 226 For those who swear that they will not approach their wives, there will be a waiting period of four months, but if they go back (i.e. revert to conciliation), then indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 227 But if they are resolved on divorce, then indeed, God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 228 Divorced women must wait for three menstrual cycles (before they can remarry); and it is not lawful for them to conceal what God has created in their wombs, if they (truly) believe in God and the Last Day. And during this period their husbands are fully entitled to take them back, if they want reconciliation. Wives have rights similar to those of husbands equitably, although husbands have a higher degree (of responsibility) over them. And God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.

229 Divorce is twice (i.e. it may be retracted twice). Then the husband must retain (his wife) in a fair manner, or separate (from her) with kindness. It is not lawful for you to take back anything of what you have (ever) given to your wives, unless both (partners have cause to) fear that they may not be able to keep (within) the bounds set by God. But if you (have cause to) fear that they may not be able to keep (within) the bounds set by God, then there will be no blame on either of them if the wife opts to give something to free herself (from the marriage tie). These are the bounds set by God, so do not transgress them, and whosoever transgresses the bounds set by God, it is they who are (truly) evildoers. 230 And if he divorces her (finally i.e. for the third time), then it is not lawful for him (to remarry her), until after she has married another man. Then if (the next) husband divorces her (or dies), then there will be no sin upon either of the two, if they (i.e. former husband and wife) return to one another, provided that both of them think that they would maintain the bounds set by God. These are bounds of God which He makes clear to people who

understand. **231** When you divorce women, and they have reached (the end of) their waiting period, then either retain them in a fair manner, or release them in a fair manner. But do not retain them - (only) to harm or wrong (them). And whoever does that, he surely wrongs his own soul. And do not make a mockery of God's messages. And remember the favours - God has bestowed upon you (and always keep in mind the messages) of the Book and wisdom which He has revealed to exhort you. And remain conscious of God, and know that God has full knowledge of everything.

232 When you divorce women, and they have reached (the end of) their waiting period, then do not prevent them from marrying their (former) husbands, if they mutually agree in a fair manner. This is an admonition to everyone of you who believes in God and the Last Day, it is more virtuous and purer for you. And God knows, but you do not know. **233** And the (divorced) mothers may suckle their children for two whole years, (that is) for the one who is willing to complete the period of suckling. And it is (incumbent) upon him who has begotten the child, to provide in a fair manner for their sustenance and clothing (during that period). No person is burdened with more than his capacity; neither will a mother be made to suffer because of her child, nor the father (because of his child). And the same duty (of sustenance and clothing) rests upon the (father's) heir (in case of the death of the father). And if both parents decide by mutual consent and counsel upon separation (of mother and child i.e. for weaning), then there is no blame on both of them. And if you decide to entrust your children to foster-mothers, then there is no blame on you, provided you pay off what you are to pay - in fair manner. But remain conscious of God and know that God sees all that you do.

234 And as for those of you who pass away and leave wives behind, the widows should wait (in regard to their remarriage) for four months and ten days. So, when they have reached (the end of) their waiting period, then you (i.e. the guardians) are not accountable for what they decide for themselves in a fair

manner. And God is Ever-Aware of all that you do. **235** There is no blame on you if you hint concerning a marriage proposal to (divorced or widowed women), or cherish it in your hearts. God knows that you will think about them (for marriage). But do not make a secret commitment with them, you can only show interest in them appropriately. And do not resolve on the marriage knot, until ordained term of waiting comes to its end. And know that God is Ever-Aware of what is in your minds, so remain conscious of Him; and know that God is Most Forgiving, Most Forbearing. **236** There is no blame on you (for not paying the dower money) if you divorce women, while you have not yet touched (i.e. not yet consummated the marriage), nor fixed a dower money (i.e. Mahr) for them, but make (some) provision for them, the wealthy according to his capability, and the straitened according to his, a provision in an equitable manner, this is a duty upon the (sincere) doers of good. **237** And if you divorce them before having touched them, but you have already fixed the dower money, then give half of what you have fixed, unless they (i.e. the women graciously) waive it, or the one in whose hand is the marriage knot waives it (i.e. he graciously pays the fixed dower money in full). But graciousness is closer to God-consciousness. And do not forget (that you have to act with) graciousness (towards one-another) among you. **INDEED, GOD SEES ALL THAT YOU DO.**

238 Be ever mindful of prayers, and (specially) the middle prayer, and stand up before God in devout obedience. **239** But if you fear (of some danger, then pray) on foot or while riding, but when you are safe, bear God in mind, for He has taught you what you did not know. **240** And those who pass away among you and leave wives behind, should make a will in favour of their wives, provision for one year, without causing them to leave their homes, but if they choose to leave (of their own accord), then you are not accountable for what they decide for themselves in an acceptable way. And God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. **241** And for the divorced women (when they leave their husbands' homes permanently) a

provision according to what is fair should also be made. This is a duty for all who are conscious of God. **242** Thus God makes clear to you His messages, so that you may use your reason.

243 Are you not aware of those who fled their homes, while they were in thousands, for fear of death? Then God said to them, 'Die,' and later He brought them back to life. Indeed, God is full of bounty to mankind, but most people are not grateful. **244** Fight (in defence) in God's cause, and know that God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. **245** Who is it that will give God a goodly loan, so that He will multiply it for him many times over? It is God Who withholds; and He gives abundantly, and it is to Him that you will all be brought back.

246 Are you not aware of those chiefs of the children of Israel, after (the time of) Moses? They said to one of their prophets, 'Appoint for us a king; and we will fight in God's cause.' The prophet replied, 'Would you perhaps refrain from fighting, if fighting is ordained for you?' They answered, 'How could we refuse to fight in God's cause, while we were driven out of our homelands and (separated) from our children.' But when fighting was ordained for them, they turned away, except for a few of them, And God is Ever-Aware of the evildoers. **247** And their prophet said to them. 'Indeed, God has appointed Talut (Saul) to be your king.' But they said, 'How could he have kingship over us, while we are more entitled to kingship than him, and he has not even been granted abundant wealth?' The prophet replied, 'God has chosen him over you, and endowed him abundantly with knowledge and bodily perfection.' God grants kingship to whom He wills. God is All-Encompassing and All-Knowing. **248** And their prophet (further) said to them, 'Indeed, a sign of his kingship is that the Ark will come to you, in which there will be tranquillity from your Lord, and remnants left behind by the family of Moses and the family of Aaron; it will be carried by the angels. Indeed, there is a sign for you in that if you are (truly) believers.'

249 And when Talut (Saul) marched forth with his forces, he cautioned (them), 'Indeed, God will test you with a river, so

whoever drinks from it (his fill) is not with me. And whoever does not drink it - except a sip from the hollow of his hands - is definitely with me.' But they drank (their fill) from it, except for a few of them. When Talut (Saul) and those who had believed with him crossed the river, they said, 'We have no strength today (to stand up) against Goliath and his forces.' (Yet) those who were sure that they would meet God said, 'How often by God's will, a small host has overcome a great host! For God is with those who are steadfast.' 250 And when they advanced to face Goliath and his forces (in combat), they prayed, 'O our Lord! Shower patience upon us, make our steps firm, and help us against the people who deny the truth!' 251 And thereupon, by God's will, they defeated them. And David killed Goliath. And God blessed David with kingship and wisdom; and imparted to him the knowledge of whatever He willed. And if God had not repelled a group of people by (the might of) another, the earth would have been filled with corruption. But God is Full of bounty to all the worlds.

252 These are God's messages, We convey them to you (O prophet), setting forth the truth, And you are truly one of the messengers.

PART – 3 253 Of those messengers, We favoured some over others. Among them there was one with whom God spoke (directly), and some of them He exalted in rank. We gave Jesus - the son of Mary clear signs (i.e. clear proofs of the truth) and strengthened him with the Holy Spirit. And if God had so willed, those who succeeded them (i.e. generations succeeding the messengers), would not have fought (among themselves) after the clear signs had come to them. But they differed - some of them attained to faith, while others denied the truth. And if God had willed, they would not have fought against one another, but God does whatever He wills.

254 O you who have attained to faith! Spend out of what We have given you, before the Day comes, when there will be no bargaining, no friendship and no intercession; and it is the deniers of the truth who are the evildoers.

255 **(THE ONE TRUE) GOD! THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM,**

the Ever-Living, the All-Sustaining. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. His is all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. Who is there that can intercede with Him except with His leave? He (fully) knows all that is ahead of them, and all that is behind them. And they cannot encompass anything of His knowledge, except that which He wills (them to encompass). His throne (i.e. His eternal power) overspreads the heavens and the earth; and their upholding does not weary Him. For He alone is (truly) Exalted, (truly) Magnificent.

Note: - This is the true introduction of the True Master of the universe.

The True God is Ever-Powerful, All-Powerful, the Flawless One. There does not exist anyone like Him. None can say so except God Himself that anyone cannot grasp anything of My knowledge without My permission. Owing to this fact, the source to know about God is God Himself.

The Qualities of God described in this verse of the Quran can never be of anyone except God. This verse of the Quran clearly differentiates between the Creator and creation. The Creator can never be like creation, and the creation can never be like the Creator. In short, the God presented in the Quran is the True God of the universe.

256 **THERE IS NO COMPULSION IN RELIGION, THE RIGHT PATH HAS BECOME DISTINCT FROM THE WRONG.** But whoever renounces false deities and believes in (the One True) God has indeed grasped a firm handhold, which will never break. And God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 257 God is the Patron of the faithful. He brings them out of (the depths of) darkness into the light. As for those who deny the truth, their supporters are evil ones; they lead them out of the light into (the depths of) darkness, they are the inmates of the Fire; they will abide therein forever.

258 Are you not aware of that (king) who argued with Abraham about his Lord; because God had granted him kingship? When Abraham said, 'My Lord is He Who has power to give life and cause death.' He argued, 'I (too) have the power to give life and cause death.' Abraham challenged (him), **'It is God Who causes the sun to rise in the east, so you cause it to rise in the west!'**

Thus the denier of the truth was dumbstruck. God does not guide the wrongdoing people.

Note: - A human being cannot even see the sun for a few seconds when it is above head at noon with his necked eyes, let alone causing it to rise in the west.

259 Or (are you not aware of) the one who passed by a township which had been overturned on its roofs. He said, 'How could God bring all this back to life after its destruction?' Then God caused him to be dead for a hundred years; after that He brought him back to life, (then) He asked, 'How long have you remained in this state?' He answered, 'I have remained (in this state, perhaps) a day or part of a day.' God said, 'Nay! You have remained in this state for a hundred years! Now look at your food and drink, they have not spoiled. (But now) look at (the remains of) your donkey! (We have caused all this to you, so that) We may make you a sign to mankind. And look at the bones (of the donkey) how We set them together, then clothe them with flesh!' And when (all this) became clear to him, he said, 'I know (now) that God is Ever-Powerful over all things.' **260** And (remember) when Abraham said (to his Lord), 'O my Lord, Show me how you give life to the dead!' God said, 'Is it that you do not believe?' Abraham answered, 'Yes, of course, (I do,) but (I ask) just to reassure my heart.' Then God said, 'Bring four birds and train them to obey you, then place them separately on different hill-tops (around you); then call them back, they will come flying to you. And know that God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.'

261 The example of those who spend their wealth for God's cause is that of a grain that sprouts into seven ears, with hundred grains in each ear. And God multiplies (the reward even more) to whom He wills; God is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing. **262** Those who spend their wealth for God's cause, and then do not follow up whatever they have spent with reminders of their generosity or hurtful words - they will get their reward from their Lord, (in the eternal life) they will have

no fear, nor will they grieve. 263 Kind words and forgiveness are better than a charitable deed followed by hurtful words. God is Self-Sufficient, Most Forbearing. 264 O you who have attained to faith! Do not waste your charities by reminding your generosity or by hurting (the feelings of the needy), like the one who spends his wealth just to show off before people, but does not believe in God and the Last Day. His example is that of a (smooth) rock upon which is dust, when it is hit by a heavy rain, it is left bare. Such people will gain nothing from their (good) works. For God does not guide those who deny the truth.

265 And the example of those who spend their wealth out of a longing to please God, and out of their own inner certainty, is that of a garden on a fertile hill, when heavy rain falls on it, it doubles its produce; and if heavy rain does not fall, then a drizzle (is sufficient). **GOD SEES ALL THAT YOU DO.** 266 Would anyone of you like to have a garden of palm trees and grapevines through which running waters flow, and therein he has all kinds of fruits, while he is stricken with old age, and has weak children, then it is hit by a whirlwind containing fire, and hence it is all burnt up? In this way God makes clear His messages to you, so that you may ponder (over them).

267 O you who have attained to faith! Spend (on others) out of the good things which you have earned, and out of that which We produce for you from the earth. And do not pick out inferior things for your spending (in charity), which you yourselves would not accept it without averting your eyes in disdain. And know that God is Self-Sufficient and Ever-Praiseworthy. 268 Satan threatens you with (the prospect of) poverty and bids you (to commit the deeds of) obscenity, whereas God promises you forgiveness and bounty from Him. God is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing. 269 He grants wisdom to whom He wills; and whoever is granted wisdom has indeed been granted abundant good. But none bears this in mind except those who are endowed with insight.

270 And whatever you may spend (in God's cause) of (your) expenditures, or whatever you may vow (to spend), surely, God knows it, but those who do wrong (by withholding charity) will have none to help them. 271 If you do deeds of charity openly, it is well, but if you keep it secret and give it to the needy, it will be even better for you, and He will absolve you of your misdeeds (thereby). And God is Ever-Aware of all that you do. 272 (O prophet!) It is not your responsibility to make them follow the right path, but it is God Who guides whoever He wills. And whatever wealth you may spend (in God's cause) is for your own good, provided that you spend only out of a longing for God's countenance (i.e. for seeking the pleasure of God), for whatever wealth you may spend, will be fully repaid to you, and you will never be wronged. 273 (Charity is) for the needy who (fully) being wrapped up in God's cause, are unable to move about in the land (in search of livelihood). He who is unaware (of their financial condition) might think that they are wealthy, because of their self-restraint (i.e. they abstain from begging); but you can recognize them by their appearance; they do not make insistent demands upon people. And whatever wealth you may spend (on them), indeed God knows it. 274 Those who spend their wealth (for the sake of God) by night and by day, secretly and openly - their reward is with their Lord. They will have no fear, nor will they grieve.

275 Those who devour usury (i.e. live on usury) will not stand (before God on the Day of Resurrection) except like the standing of a person whom Satan has confounded by his touch (i.e. personality of such person will have been developed with Satanic inspiration), that is because, they say, 'Commerce is (just) like usury.' But God has made commerce lawful, and usury unlawful. Therefore, he - who desists because of the admonition that has come to him from his Lord, may retain what he has received in the past; and it will be for God to judge him, but whoever returns to (dealing in usury), such are the inmates of the Fire, they will abide therein forever. 276 God deprives usurious gains of all blessing, whereas He blesses

charitable deeds with (manifold) increase. And God does not like anyone who is ungrateful, and (who is) sinner. 277 Indeed, those who attain to faith and do good deeds, and are constant in prayer, and give charity, they will have their reward with their Lord; and they will have no fear, nor will they grieve.

278 O you who have attained to faith! Remain conscious of God; and give up the outstanding gains from usury, if you are (truly) believers. 279 And if you do not do so, then beware of a war with God and His messenger. But if you repent (i.e. you return towards the admonition of God), then for you is your capital (amount). You will do no wrong, and neither will you be wronged. 280 If the (debtor) is in straitened circumstances, than (grant him) respite until a time of ease (to pay back), and it would be for your own good if you waive it as an act of charity, if you but knew it. 281 And be conscious of the Day on which you will all be brought back to God, then every human being will be paid in full for what he has earned; and they will never be wronged.

282 O you who have attained to faith! Whenever you contract a debt for an appointed term, write it down. And let the scribe write it down equitably between you; and no scribe should refuse to write, as God has taught him. So let him write, and let the one who has the obligation dictate. And let him be conscious of God - his Lord; and (while writing) not diminish anything from it. And if the debtor is incompetent, weak, or unable to dictate himself, then let his guardian dictate for him equitably. And call for evidence two witnesses from among your men. And if two men are not available, then (call) a man and two women from among such as are acceptable to you as witnesses, so that if one of them forgets, the other can remind her. And the witnesses must not refuse (for evidence) whenever they are summoned. And do not be reluctant to write down the contract, whether the sum is small or big, for its term (i.e. including the time of repayment). That is more just in the sight of God; and it is more reliable as testimony, and more likely to prevent doubts among you. However, if it is an immediate

transaction which you conduct among yourselves, then there is no blame on you if you do not write it down. But take witnesses whenever you conclude a contract with one another, and let no harm be done to either scribe or witness, for if you do (them any harm), then, indeed it will be sinful conduct on your part. And remain conscious of God, (since) it is God Who teaches you (herewith). And God has full knowledge of everything. **283** And if you are on a journey and cannot find a scribe, then a security deposit should be handed over, but if you trust one another (then there is no need for a security deposit), then let him, who is trusted, fulfil his trust, and let him be conscious of God - his Lord. And do not conceal what you have witnessed, for whoever conceals it, then indeed, in his heart he commits a crime. And God has full knowledge of all that you do.

284 To God (alone) belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. Whether you disclose what is in your minds, or keep it hidden, God will call you to account for it. And then He will forgive whom He decides, and will punish whom He decides. And God is Ever-Powerful over everything. **285** The messenger believes in what has been sent down to him from his Lord; and (so do) the believers (with him). All (of them) believe in God, and His angels, and His books, and His messengers. (They proclaim,) 'We make no distinction between any of His messengers.' And they say, 'We hear and obey. Grant us Your forgiveness, O our Lord! And to You (alone) is the (final) return.' **286** God does not burden any human being with more than his capacity. For him is what he has earned (of good deeds), and against him is what he has earned (of evil deeds). (The believers pray,) 'O our Lord! Do not take us to task if we forget, or make a mistake. O our Lord! Do not lay upon us a burden like that which You laid on those who were before us. O our Lord! Do not burden us with whatever is beyond our capability. And pardon us, and forgive us, and have mercy on us. You are our (only) Protector, so help us against the people who deny the truth.'

SURAH–3. AAL-E-IMRAAN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 ALIF, LAAM, MEEM. 2 (THE ONE TRUE) GOD! THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM, THE EVER-LIVING, THE ALL-SUSTAINING. 3 He has sent down the Book to you (O Muhammad,) with the truth, confirming what came before it; for it is He (who) had sent down the Torah and the Gospel.

Note: - It is He Who had sent down the Torah and the Gospel, and it is He Who has sent down the Quran now, and fully preserved it. That is why the Quran is the preserved criterion to know and confirm the revealed truth previously.

4 Before this (Quran), (the Torah and the Gospel were) as guidance for mankind, and He sent down the (preserved) criterion (i.e. the Quran, to distinguish between right and wrong). Indeed, those who deny God's messages, a severe torment awaits them. And God (alone) is Supreme in might, An Avenger of evil. 5 Indeed, nothing on earth or in the heaven is hidden from God. 6 **IT IS HE WHO SHAPES YOU IN THE WOMBS (OF YOUR MOTHERS) AS HE WILLS. THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM - THE SUPREME IN WISDOM, THE SUPREME IN MIGHT.**

Note: - Neither mother, nor father can shape human being in the womb. No doubt! The Shaper of human being in the womb is the True Lord of human being. And none can be Worthy of worship for human being except THE TRUE LORD. The Quran calls man to worship his Creator.

7 It is He Who has sent down the Book to you. Some of its messages are totally clear; and they are the essence of the (divine) Book, while others are allegorical. So, as for (the ones) in whose hearts is deviation (from the truth) go after that part of the (divine) Book, which has been (expressed) in allegory, seeking (to spread) doubt through their (false) interpretations, but none except God knows its (true) interpretation. Those who are firm in knowledge say, 'We believe in it, the whole (of the divine Book) is from our Lord.' But none will take heed except those who are endowed with insight. 8 (They say,) 'O our Lord! Do not let our hearts deviate after You have guided us. Grant us mercy from Yourself. You alone are the (True) Bestower.' 9 'O our Lord! You will certainly gather all mankind on a Day about which there is no doubt.' Indeed, God never fails to fulfil His promise.

10 Indeed, those who deny the truth, neither their wealth, nor their offspring will in the least avail them against God - and it is they who will be the fuel of the Fire. 11 (To them will happen) the like of what happened to Pharaoh's people and those who were before them - they all gave the lie to Our messages, so God seized them for their sins; for God is Severe in retribution. 12 Say to those who deny the truth, 'You will be overcome and gathered to Hell - a terrible resting place! 13 Indeed, there was a sign for you in the two hosts which met (in combat). One host fighting in God's cause, and the other denying Him. The believers saw their enemy, with their own eyes twice their number. But God strengthens with His help whom He wills. In that, there is indeed a lesson for those having vision.

14 The love of desirable things has been made appealing to people, such as women, sons, heaped up treasures of gold and silver, horses of high mark, livestock and (fertile) lands. These are the pleasures of this worldly life; but with God is the most excellent place of return. 15 Say, 'Shall I inform you of something better than that for those who are God-conscious, there are, with their Lord, Gardens through which running

waters flow, wherein they will abide forever, and they will have pure spouses, and God's goodly acceptance.' And God sees all that is in (the hearts of) His servants - 16 those who say, 'O our Lord! Indeed, we have believed (in you), so forgive us our sins and keep us safe from the torment of the Fire.' 17 (It is they) who are steadfast, sincere, obedient, and who spend (in God's cause), and who pray (to God) for forgiveness (in the hours) before dawn.

18 **GOD (HIMSELF) BEARS WITNESS THAT THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM, SO DO THE ANGELS, AND THOSE WHO ARE ENDOWED WITH KNOWLEDGE.** He is the Upholder of justice. (Undoubtedly,) there does not exist any deity except Him. The Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 19 **INDEED, THE ONLY (TRUE) RELIGION IN THE SIGHT OF GOD IS (MAN'S) TOTAL SUBMISSION (TO HIM).** And those who were given the (divine) Book (before), differed only out of mutual jealousy, even after knowledge of the truth had come to them. But as for him who denies (the truth of) God's messages, then indeed, God is quick to settle accounts. 20 Then (O prophet,) if they argue with you, say, 'I have submitted my whole being to God, and (so have) those who follow me.' And ask those who were given the Book before, as well as the unlettered, 'Do you submit yourselves to God (in the same way as we have submitted)?' And if they submit themselves to Him, then indeed, they are rightly guided; but if they turn away, then your duty is no more than to deliver (the message), for God sees all (that is in the hearts) of His servants. 21 Indeed, those who deny the truth of God's messages, and kill the prophets unjustly, and kill those who stand up for justice among people - give them tidings of a

painful punishment. 22 It is they whose deeds will come to nothing both in this world and in the eternal life to come; and they will have none to help them.

23 Are you not aware of those who had been given a portion of the Book (before)? (Yet when) they are invited to the Book of God (i.e. the Quran) that it should judge between them (i.e. they should accept the judgement of God's Book), then some of them turn away (from it) in their obstinacy. 24 That (obstinacy) is because they claim, 'The Fire will not touch us except for (a few) numbered days (i.e. the Fire can never touch us, but if it touches, it will not more than a few days).' Thus they have been deceived in their faith by their wishful lying. 25 But how (terrible) it will be when We gather them (all together) on a Day - (the coming of) which there is no doubt, and every human being will be paid in full for what he has done, and they will never be wronged! 26 Say, 'O God! Lord of all dominion! You grant dominion to whom You will, and You take away the dominion from whom You will; and You give honour whom You will, and You humiliate whom You will - all good is in Your hand. Indeed, You are Ever-Powerful over everything. 27 You cause the night to merge into the day, and You cause the day to merge into the night. You bring forth the living out of that which is dead; and You bring forth the dead out of that which is alive. And You grant sustenance to whom You will, without measure.'

28 Let not the believers take those who deny the truth as their allies instead of the believers. And whoever (of you) does that will isolate himself completely from God - unless it be as a protective measure to save yourselves from them. And God warns you of Himself, for, with God is all journey's end. 29 Say, 'Whether you conceal what is in your hearts, or reveal it, it is known to God, for He knows all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth; God is Ever-Powerful over everything.' 30 On the Day when every human being will find himself faced with all the good he had done; and with all the evil he had done; he (i.e. the evildoer) will wish that there were a great

distance between himself and the evil (deeds) he did. Hence, God warns you of Himself, but God is Ever-Compassionate towards His servants.

31 Say (to people, O prophet,) 'If you (really) love God, then follow me, God will love you and forgive you your sins, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.' 32 Say, 'Obey God and (His) messenger.' If they still turn away, then indeed, God does not like those who deny the truth.

33 Indeed, God chose Adam and Noah, and the family of Abraham, and the family of Imraan above all mankind. 34 They are the offspring of one another. God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 35 (Remember) when a woman (from the House) of Imraan said, 'O My Lord! Indeed, I have vowed that what is in my womb will be dedicated exclusively for You. So accept it from me. Indeed, You (alone) are the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.' 36 Then when she gave birth to the female (child), she said, 'O my Lord, I have given birth to a female child.' God was fully Aware of what she had given birth to; and the male is not like the female. And (she said,) 'I have named her Mary. And surely, I seek Your protection for her and (for) her offspring against the rejected Satan.' 37 So her Lord accepted the girl child with goodly acceptance, and caused her to grow up in good manner, and entrusted her to the care of Zachariah. Every time Zachariah entered her prayer chamber, he would find with her provision (i.e. spiritual wisdom). He would ask, 'O Mary, where does this come from to you?' She would answer, 'It is from God.' Indeed, God provides for whom He wills, without measure. 38 Thereupon Zachariah prayed to his Lord, saying, 'O my Lord! Bestow upon me (too,) out of Your grace, (the gift of) virtuous offspring. For You (alone) are the Ever-Hearer of invocation.' 39 So the angels called out to him when he was standing in the chamber praying, 'Indeed, God gives you the glad tidings of (the birth of) John, who will confirm the (truth of the) Word of God, and (will be) honourable (among men), and utterly chaste, and a prophet from among the righteous.' 40 Zachariah exclaimed, 'O my

Lord! How can I have a son, when old age has (already) overtaken me, and my wife is barren?' Answered (the angel as a representative of God), 'So will it be (i.e. such is the will of God), God does what He wills.' 41 Zachariah said, 'O my Lord! Appoint a sign for me!' Said (the angel as a representative of God), 'Your sign will be that you will not be able to speak to people for three days except by gestures. And remember your Lord much, and glorify (Him) in the evening and in the morning.' 42 And (remember) when the angels said, 'O Mary! Indeed God has selected you, and made you pure, and chosen you over all women of the world. 43 O Mary! Remain truly devout to your Lord, and prostrate yourself (in worship), and bow down with those who bow down (in prayer).' 44 This is the news of the unseen, which We reveal to you (O prophet,) you were not with them when they cast their pens (i.e. drew lots), as to which of them should be Mary's guardian, and you were not with them when they disputed (about it with one another).

45 (Remember) when the angels proclaimed, 'O Mary! Indeed, God gives you glad tidings through a Word from Him, (of a son) who will become known as Christ Jesus - son of Mary, of great honour in this world, and in the eternal life to come, and will be of those who are granted nearness to God. 46 And he will speak to the people in the cradle (i.e. in the state of his infancy), and as a grown man, and will be one of the righteous.' 47 Mary wondered, 'O my Lord! How can I have a child, when no man has ever touched me?' (The angel) replied, 'So will it be. God creates whatever He wills. When He wills a thing to be, He simply tells it, 'Be!' So it comes into existence!' 48 And God will teach him the (divine) Book and wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel. 49 (He will make him) a messenger to the children of Israel. (When Jesus comes to the children of Israel, he says to them,) 'I have come to you with a (messageful) sign from your Lord, I will make for you from clay (that which is) like the form of a bird, and then breathe into it, and by God's will - it will become a (real) bird. And by

God's will - I will cure the blind and the leper, and bring the dead back to life. I will inform you of what you eat, and what you store up in your homes. Behold, in (all) this, there is indeed a message for you, if you are (truly) believers. 50 And (I have come) to confirm (the truth) of the Torah which came before me, and to make lawful for you some of that which had been forbidden to you. And I have come to you with a (messageful) sign from your Lord, remain, then, conscious of God, and obey me. 51 Indeed, God is my Lord as well as your Lord, so worship Him (alone). This is the straight path.'

52 But when Jesus became aware of their refusal to acknowledge the truth, he asked, 'Who will be my supporters in God's cause (i.e. in the cause of calling people to God)?' The disciples replied, 'We will be (your) supporters (in the cause) of God! We believe in God; and bear (you) witness that we have submitted ourselves (to Him)!' 53 (Then they prayed to God,) 'O our Lord! We believe in what You have sent down, and we follow the messenger, so count us among those who bear witness (to the truth)!' 54 And (those who denied the truth) schemed (against Jesus), but God also schemed (i.e. God brought their scheming to nothing). For God is above all schemers. 55 And (remember) when God said, 'O Jesus! Indeed, I am going to terminate the period of your stay (on the earth), and raise you up to Me, and cleanse you (of the presence) of those who are bent on denying the truth; and I will elevate your followers above those who are bent on denying the truth until the Day of the Resurrection. (In the end) to Me you will all return; and I will judge between you concerning that about which you used to differ. 56 And as for those who are bent on denying the truth, I will cause them to suffer a severe punishment in this world and in the eternal life to come; and there will be none to help them.' 57 And as far as those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds. God will grant them in full their reward. God does not like the evildoers. 58 This is what We recite to you of (the divine) messages and the wise reminder (from Us).

59 INDEED, IN THE SIGHT OF GOD, THE LIKENESS OF JESUS IS AS THE LIKENESS OF ADAM; WHOM HE CREATED FROM DUST, AND THEN SAID TO HIM, 'BE' AND HE WAS. 60 (O prophet!) This is the truth from your Lord, so do not be of those who doubt. 61 Now, whoever disputes with you (O prophet) concerning Jesus after the (true) knowledge that has come to you, say, 'Come! Let us gather our sons and your sons, and our women and your women, and ourselves and yourselves, then let us pray sincerely and invoke the curse of God upon the liars.' 62 Indeed, this is the true account. There does not exist any deity except (the One True) God (i.e. there is none worthy of worship except Him), and indeed, God alone is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 63 And if they turn away (from this truth), then indeed, God is fully Aware of the spreaders of corruption.

64 Say, 'O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! Let us come to common terms (i.e. let us come to the tenets which are common between you and us) that we will worship none but (the One True) God, and that we will associate no partners with Him (in His divinity), and that none of us will take others as lords besides God.' But if they turn away, then say, 'Bear witness that it is we who have submitted ourselves (to Him alone).' 65 O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! Why do you argue about Abraham, while the Torah and the Gospel were not revealed until long after him? Will you not then use your reason? 66 Here you are! You are the ones who disputed about what you have (little) knowledge of, but why do you now argue about something of which you have no knowledge? (Yet) God knows (it), whereas you do not know. 67 (The truth about Abraham is that) Abraham was neither a Jew, nor a Christian. But he was an upright man (who had turned away from all that is false) having fully submitted himself to God; and he was not of those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True)

God. 68 Indeed, the closest people to Abraham are those who (truly) followed him, and this prophet (i.e. Muhammad), and those who believe (in him). And God is the Guardian of the believers. 69 (O believers!) Some of the followers of the (earlier divine) Book would like to lead you astray, but (the truth is that) they only lead themselves astray, but they do not perceive it. 70 O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! Why do you deny the messages of God, while you yourselves bear witness (to their truth)?

Note: - In their own Scriptures, it was foretold about the advent of the last prophet, but it was inconceivable for them that the last prophet could ever come among the non-Israelites. Such type of thinking is in fact group-oriented thinking, not the truth-oriented thinking. Such type of thinking leads one to the denial of the truth.

71 O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! Why do you mix the truth with falsehood, and conceal the truth knowingly?

72 And some of the followers of the (earlier divine) Book say (to one another), 'Declare your belief in what has been revealed to those who believe (in Muhammad) in the morning, and deny it in the evening, so that they might return (to their past faith, i.e. they might abandon their present faith). 73 (And they say to one another) do not trust anyone (for real) except him who follows your religion.' (O prophet!) Say (to them), 'Indeed, the (only) true guidance is the guidance of God.' (They also said,) 'Do not believe that anyone can receive (revealed knowledge) like that which you received, otherwise they would engage you in argument before your Lord.' Say, 'The bounty is indeed in God's hand; He grants it to whom He wills; for God is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing. 74 He chooses for His mercy whomever He wills. And God is (the Source) of infinite bounty.' 75 And among the followers of the (earlier divine) Book is he, who, if you entrust him with a great amount of wealth, he will readily return it to you. Yet among them is he, who, if you entrust him with a single coin, he will not return it to you, unless you constantly stand demanding (it). That is because (i.e. the reason of this moral degradation is),

they say, 'There is no blame on us concerning the unlettered people,' and (so) they tell a lie about God, being well aware (that it is a lie). **76** But whoever fulfils his covenant (with Him), and remains conscious of Him, then surely

GOD LOVES THOSE WHO ARE CONSCIOUS OF HIM.

77 Indeed, those who exchange their bond with God and their (own) pledges for a trifling gain, they will not have a share in (the blessings of) the eternal life to come; and God will neither speak to them, nor look at them on the Day of Resurrection, nor will He purify them (of their sins). For them there will be a painful punishment. **78** And behold, there are indeed some (i.e. a group) among them who distort the (divine) Book with their tongues, to make you think (the distortion) is from the (divine) Book (i.e. the Gospel), but it is not from the (divine) Book. And they say, 'It is from God,' but it is not from God: and thus they tell a lie about God, while they know (that it is a lie). **79** It is not (conceivable) that a man - to whom God has given the (divine) Book, and wisdom, and prophethood, and then he would say to people 'Worship me instead of God.' Rather (he would say to them), 'Be devoted servants of your Lord (alone), as you have been teaching the Book, and as you have been studying it.' **80** And he would never ask you to take the angels and the prophets as your lords, (for) would he command you to deny the truth after you have submitted yourselves to God?

81 And (remember) when God took the covenant of the prophets (and through the prophets the covenant of the followers of the (earlier divine) Book, saying), 'Now that I have given you the Book and wisdom, if there comes to you a messenger confirming the truth which is (already) with you, (then) you must believe in him and support him,' (then) God said, 'Do you affirm this and accept My pledge as binding on you?' They said, 'Yes, we do,' then God said, 'Then (you all)

bear witness, and I am with you among the witnesses.' 82 Then whoever turns away after this (i.e. from this pledge), then it is they who are defiantly disobedient. 83 Do they seek (a religion) other than the religion of God - while to Him (alone) has submitted whoever is in the heavens and the earth willingly or unwillingly, and to Him they will all be returned? 84 Say, 'We believe in God, and what has been sent down to us; and what was revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, and (his) descendants; and we believe in what was given to Moses, and Jesus, and other prophets from their Lord. We make no distinction between any of them, and **TO HIM WE HAVE SUBMITTED OURSELVES.'** 85 And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam (i.e. self-surrender to God), it will never be accepted from him, and in the eternal life to come, he will be among the losers.

Note: - 'Total Submission To The One True God' is the only religion shown to entire mankind through all prophets. That is why a believer is required to believe in all prophets without any discrimination. Islam (i.e. total submission to God) is not a label of a particular group, but in essence, it is the only path shown by God for all times.

86 How would God bestow His guidance upon (those) people who (have resolved to) deny the truth after having attained to faith, and having borne witness that this messenger is true, and (after) clear evidence of the truth had come to them? For God does not guide such evildoing people. 87 Such people will have their recompense - (and) that is - upon them is God's condemnation, and the condemnation of angels, and of (righteous) people altogether. 88 They will abide therein forever, (and) neither will their punishment be lightened, nor will they be granted any respite, 89 except those who, after that, repent and mend their ways, then, indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 90 Surely, as for those who reject (the true) faith after they had accepted it, and then grow (even

more stubborn) in their refusal to acknowledge the truth, their repentance will never be accepted, it is they who have (totally) gone astray. 91 Surely, as for those who are bent on denying the truth, and die as deniers of the truth, even if anyone of them offered as ransom enough gold to fill the whole world, it would never be accepted from him. It is they for whom there will be a painful punishment, and they will have none to support them.

PART – 4 92 (But as for you, O believers,) never will you (truly) attain to righteousness unless you spend (in the cause of God) out of what you cherish; and whatsoever you spend, indeed, God has full knowledge of it. 93 All food was lawful for the children of Israel, except what Israel had made unlawful for himself before the Torah was sent down. Say, 'So bring the Torah and read it, if you are sincere (in your claims).' 94 Then whoever still fabricates a lie against God, it is they who are (truly) evildoers. 95 Say, 'God has declared the truth, so follow the way of Abraham, who had turned away from all that is false; and he was not of those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God.' 96 Indeed, the first House (of worship) ever established for mankind is the one at Bakkah (i.e. Makkah), it is a blessed place, and a (source of) guidance for the whole world. 97 There are clear signs in it, and the standing-place of Abraham. Whoever enters it finds inner peace. And pilgrimage to the House is (a duty owed) to God upon people - for whoever is able to find the means. **And whoever denies the truth should know that God is not in need of (any of His) creation.** 98 Say, 'O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! Why do you refuse to acknowledge the truth of God's messages, when God is Ever-Witness to all that you do?' 99 Say, 'O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! Why do you hinder the one from the path of God who believes, seeking to make it (appear) crooked, when you yourselves bear witness

(to its being straight)? For God is never unaware of what you do.'

100 O you who have attained to faith! If you yield to a group of those who were given the (divine) Book before, they may cause you to renounce the truth after you have believed. 101 And how can you deny the truth when God's messages are being conveyed to you, and His messenger is among you? And whoever firmly adheres to God (i.e. God's guidance), then surely, he is guided to the straight path. 102 O you who have attained to faith! Be conscious of God with all the consciousness that is due to Him, and do not die except in (a state of total) submission to Him. 103 And hold fast, all together, to the rope of God (i.e. the Quran), and do not be disunited; and remember the blessing He has bestowed upon you, when you were enemies (to each other), then He united your hearts, and by His grace you became brothers (for each other). And you were on the brink of the pit of the Fire, then He saved you from it. Thus God makes clear His messages to you, so that you may find guidance.

104 And (O believers!) let there be a group among you who call (others) to good, and enjoin what is right, and forbid what is wrong - it is they who will be successful. 105 And do not be like those who became split (into sects) and differed after the clear proofs of the truth had come to them. It is they for whom is a tremendous punishment (in the post-death life). 106 On the day (of Judgement) some faces will shine (with happiness), while others will be dark (with grief). As for those whose faces will be dark (it will be asked to them), 'Did you deny the truth after having attained to faith?' Taste, then, the punishment for having denied the truth! 107 But as for those whose faces will be shining (with happiness), they will be in the mercy of God, where they will remain forever. 108 These are God's messages; We recite them to you with the truth. And God does not want any injustice to the worlds (i.e. to His creation). 109 To God (alone) belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. And to God all matters will be returned (for judgement). 110 You are indeed the best community that has ever been

brought forth for (the good of) mankind, you enjoin the doing of what is good, and forbid the doing of what is wrong, and you believe in God. If the followers of the (earlier divine) Book had attained to faith (in the final revelation i.e. the Quran), it would have been better for them. (But only few) are believers among them, but most of them are defiantly disobedient. **111** They will never be able to harm you except a (little) hurt. But if they fight against you, they will turn their backs, then they will not be helped. **112** They will be struck by humiliation wherever they are found, except (they - who are) under a covenant (of protection) from God, or a covenant (i.e. treaty) with people. `And they have incurred the wrath of God, (as a result) they have been struck with destitution, that is because they persisted in denying the truth of God's messages, and killed the prophets unjustly. That is because they disobeyed and transgressed.

113 Yet they are not all alike; among the followers of the (earlier divine) Book, there are some who stand by their covenant; they recite the messages of God in the hours of night, and prostrate themselves (before Him). **114** They believe in God and the Last Day; and they enjoin the doing of what is right, and forbid the doing of what is wrong; and compete with one another in doing good deeds. These are (truly) among the righteous. **115** Whatever good they do, they will never be denied its (reward), (for) God has full knowledge of those who are conscious of Him. **116** Indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth, neither their wealth, nor their children will in the least avail them against God; and it is they who will be the inmates of Fire; they will abide therein forever. **117** The example of what they spend in the life of this world is like that of a wind containing frost, which strikes the harvest of a people who have wronged themselves, and destroys it (completely), for, (it is not) God Who does them wrong, but (it is) they who wrong themselves.

118 O you who have attained to faith! Do not take as close friends those from other than yourselves (i.e. believers), for

they will spare no effort to harm you. Their only desire is to see you suffer. Indeed, hatred (about the believers) has become evident from what they say, but what their hearts conceal is far worse. We have certainly made clear to you the messages, if you would but use your reason. 119 Lo! It is you who love them, but they do not love you. You believe in all the revealed Books. And when they meet you, they assert, 'We believe (as you believe),' but when they are alone, they bite their fingertips in rage (against you). Say, '(May you) die in your rage! Indeed, God has full knowledge of what is (hidden) in (your) hearts.' 120 If good (fortune) comes to you, it grieves them; and if misfortune befalls you they rejoice at it. But if you are steadfast (in adversity) and remain conscious (of God), their plotting will not harm you at all. Indeed, God encompasses (with His might all) that they do.

121 And (remember the day O prophet,) when you left your home in the early morning to position the believers for the battle (of Uhud). And God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 122 When two groups from among you were about to lose courage, but God was their Protector (i.e. He reassured them). Let the believers put their trust in God. 123 God had (already) helped you at Badr, when you were (utterly) weak (i.e. few in number). Then, remain conscious of God, so that you may be grateful. 124 (And remember) when you said to the believers, 'Is it not sufficient for you that your Lord will help you with three thousand angels (specially) sent down? 125 Of course, if you remain steadfast and conscious (of Him), and they (i.e. enemy) come upon you suddenly, your Lord will reinforce you with five thousand angels having marks (of distinction).' 126 And God ordained this (reinforcement) only as good news for you, so that your hearts might be set at rest thereby, and help comes only from God - the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 127 (He helped you,) in order to cut off a section of those who are bent on denying the truth, or disgrace them, so that they might turn back (utterly) disappointed. 128 It is not for you (O prophet) to decide, (that is only God's domain) whether

He will turn towards them in mercy or punish them, for, indeed, they are wrongdoers. **129** To God (alone) belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth; He forgives whom He wills; and He punishes whom He wills. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

130 O you who have attained to faith! Do not devour usury, doubled and multiplied, but remain conscious of God, so that you may be successful. **131** Protect yourselves from the Fire, which has been prepared for those who deny the truth. **132** And obey God and the messenger, so that you may be graced with (His) mercy. **133** And vie with one another for forgiveness from your Lord, and for a Paradise as vast as heavens and the earth, which has been prepared for the God-conscious. **134** Those who spend (in God's cause) - both in ease and hardship (i.e. in the time of prosperity and in the time of hardship); and those who restrain their anger and pardon people; and God loves the (sincere) doers of good. **135** And those who, when they (happen to) commit an immoral deed or wrong themselves (by transgression), remember God and seek forgiveness for their sins; for who but God can forgive sins? And they do not knowingly persist in their wrongdoing. **136** (It is) those who will have as their reward forgiveness from their Lord and Gardens through which running waters flow, wherein they will abide forever. An excellent reward for the doers (of virtuous deeds). **137** Indeed, there have passed examples (of various communities) before you; so travel through the land and see how was the end of those who gave the lie to the truth. **138** This Quran is a proclamation for mankind; a guidance and admonition for the God-conscious.

139 So do not lose heart, nor grieve, for you will overcome (them) if you are (truly) believers. **140** If you have suffered a wound, they (i.e. your opponents) too have suffered a similar wound. And such days (of victory and defeat) - We alternate among people, so that God may mark out those who have (truly) attained to faith, and choose from among you (who will bear) witness (to the truth); and God does not like the evildoers

- 141 and so that God may purify those who have attained to faith, and wipe out those who deny the truth. 142 Or do you think that you would enter Paradise while God has not yet made evident among you - those who (truly) strove hard (in His cause), and has not made evident those who remained steadfast. 143 And certainly you were longing for death (in the way of God), before you met it, but now you have indeed seen it with your own eyes!

144 Muhammad is no more than a messenger (sent by God). There have been (many) messengers before him. So if he dies, or is killed, will you turn back on your heels? And whoever turns back on his heels, not the least harm can he do to God. God will soon reward the grateful. 145 And no human being can die except by God's will, at an appointed term. And whoever desires the reward of this world, We will grant him thereof; and whoever desires the reward of the eternal life, We will grant him thereof. We will soon reward those who are grateful. 146 And how many a prophet had to fight (in God's cause), (and) many devout men also fought along with the prophets (i.e. with their contemporary prophets). But they did not lose heart for all that they had to suffer in God's cause, and neither did they weaken, nor did they yield themselves. And God loves those who are steadfast! 147 And all that they said was only this, 'O our Lord! Forgive us our sins, and forgive the excesses (committed by us) in our affairs. And make firm our steps, and help us against the people who deny the truth.' 148 So God gave them the reward of this world, as well as the excellent reward of the eternal life to come; for God loves the (sincere) doers of good (i.e. those who do good with excellence).

149 O you who have attained to faith! If you yield to those who are bent on denying the truth, they will cause you turn back on your heels, then you will turn back as losers. 150 But no! God alone is your Protector, and He is the Best of helpers. 151 We will cast horror into the hearts of those who deny the truth for associating (false deities) with (the One True) God - a

practice He has never authorized. The Fire will be their abode - how evil is the abode of evildoers! 152 Indeed, God fulfilled His promise to you, when by His leave, you were killing them (i.e. killing the aggressors), until the moment when you lost courage and fell into dispute concerning the (prophet's) command; and disobeyed it, even after He had shown you that (victory) for which you were longing. Among you there were some who desired (only) worldly gains, and among you there were others who desired (the success of) the eternal life. Thereupon, in order to put you to a test, He prevented you from (defeating) your foes. But now He has pardoned you, for God is Most Gracious towards the believers. 153 (Remember the time) when you were running away (in panic) - paying no heed to anyone - while the messenger was calling you from behind. So God requited you with distress upon distress. Now, do not grieve for (the victory) you missed, nor for what you suffered. God is Ever-Aware of all that you do.

154 Then, after the distress, He sent down tranquillity upon you (in the form of) slumber that overcame some of you, but there were others who were anxious only about themselves. They were thinking about God other than the truth - the thoughts of (pre-Islamic) ignorance, saying, 'Do we have any say in this matter (i.e. do we have any power of decision in this matter)?' Say, 'Indeed, all matters belong to God (i.e. all power of decision does rest with God alone).' They conceal in their hearts what they do not reveal to you. And they say (to themselves), 'If we had any say in this matter (i.e. power of decision), none of us would have been killed here.' Say to them, 'Even if you had been in your homes, those on whom death was decreed would have surely gone forth to the places where they were (destined) to die.' And (all this befell you,) so that God might test what is in your minds, and (in order to) purify what is in your hearts; for God is Ever-Aware of whatever is in the hearts (of people). 155 Indeed, those (believers) who turned back among you on the day when the two hosts met (in battle); it was Satan who caused them to slip

because of some of their misdeeds. But God has pardoned them. Surely, God is Most Forgiving, Most Forbearing.

156 O you who have attained to faith! Do not be like those bent on denying the truth - who say about their brothers (who die) when they travel through the land, or go forth to fighting (for God's cause), 'If they had remained with us, they would not have died or been killed.' For God will cause such thoughts to become a (source of) agony in their hearts. And it is God Who gives life and causes death. And God sees all that you do. 157 And if you are killed, or die in God's cause, then surely forgiveness from God and His grace are far better than all that they (i.e. the deniers of the truth) amass (in worldly life). 158 For, indeed, if you die, or are killed, it is to God - all of you will be gathered. 159 It is by God's grace that you (O prophet,) have been lenient with them. If you had been rude (in speech) and harsh of heart, they would have certainly deserted you. So pardon them, and seek (God's) forgiveness for them; and consult with them in the (important) matters; but once you have decided (upon a course of action), then put your trust in God. Indeed, God loves those who trust (in Him). 160 (O believers!) If God helps you, none can ever overcome you; but if He denies you help, who else is there to help you after Him? In God, then, let the believers put their trust!

161 It is not conceivable from a prophet to act dishonestly. And whoever acts dishonestly will bring his dishonesty on the Day of Resurrection. Then every human being will be paid in full for whatever he has earned; and they will never be wronged. 162 Can the one who seeks God's goodly acceptance, be like the one who incurs the wrath of God upon himself? His abode is Hell, what a terrible destination! 163 They are of different ranks in the sight of God, for God sees all that they do. 164 Indeed, God has done the believers a (great) favour by raising a messenger from among themselves - to convey His messages to them, and to purify them; and to teach them the (divine) Book and wisdom, for before that they were certainly in manifest error.

165 Why is it, when a disaster struck you (in the form of the defeat at Uhud, but already at Badr) you had indeed struck your enemy with twice of it, you said, 'How could this happen?' Say, 'It is because of your disobedience.' Indeed, God is Ever-Powerful over everything. 166 And what struck you on the day (when) the two hosts met (in battle) was by God's will, so that He may mark out the (true) believers; 167 and mark out those who acted hypocritically. When it was said to them, 'Come forward, fight in God's cause and defend yourselves.' They replied, 'If we had known that fighting (would take place), we would have certainly followed you.' That day they were closer to disbelief than to faith, uttering with their mouths something which was not in their hearts. But God knows well what they (try to) conceal. 168 Those who stayed behind said of their (killed) brothers, 'If they had listened to us, they would not have been killed (at Uhud).' Say (to them), 'Then avert death from yourselves, if you are truthful.'

169 But never think of those who have been killed in God's cause as dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord, (and) they are provided their sustenance, 170 rejoicing in what God has bestowed upon them out of His bounty, and being delighted in the glad tidings about those who have been left behind, and have not yet joined them, they (too) will have no fear, nor will they grieve (in the eternal life). 171 They rejoice at (the glad tidings of) God's blessings and bounty, and (also rejoice at the promise) that God never lets go waste the reward of the believers. 172 Those who responded to (the call of) God and His messenger, after injury had befallen them; for those of them who persevered in doing good and remained conscious of God is a great reward. 173 Those to whom the people warned, 'Indeed, your enemies have mobilized their forces against you, so beware of them.' But the warning made them grow stronger in faith, and they replied, 'God is Sufficient for us, and how excellent the Protector He is!' 174 So they returned (from the battle) with God's blessings and bounty, without having been touched by any harm; for they had been striving after God's

goodly acceptance. And God is (the Source) of infinite bounty. 175 It is only Satan who frightens (you) of his allies, so fear them not, but fear Me (alone), if you are (truly) believers.

176 (O prophet!) Do not be grieved by those who vie with one another in denying the truth. Indeed, they can never harm God in anything. It is God's will that He will not give them any portion in the (blessings of the) eternal life to come; and a tremendous punishment awaits them. 177 Indeed, those who have bought a denial of the truth at the price of faith; never can they harm God in anything, and painful punishment awaits them. 178 **LET NOT THOSE WHO DENY THE TRUTH THINK THAT OUR GRANTING THEM RESPITE IS GOOD FOR THEM.** We give them respite only to let them grow in sinfulness; a humiliating punishment awaits them. 179 God would not leave the believers in the state you are in (presently), until He separates the wicked from the good (among you). Nor would God inform you about the unseen, but God chooses from His messengers whom He wills. So believe in God and His messengers; and if you believe and are conscious of Him, you will have a great reward.

180 And those who are niggardly with what God has given them out of His bounty, should not think that it is good for them, rather it is bad for them! Their necks will be encircled by what they (greedily) withheld on the Day of Resurrection. (For,) God is the (sole) inheritor of the heavens and the earth. And God is Ever-Aware of whatever you do. 181 Indeed, God has heard the saying of those (among the Jews) who said, 'Indeed, God is poor, while we are rich!' We will certainly record what they have said, as well as record their (act of) unjust killing of prophets; and We will say (to them on the Day of Justice), 'Taste the torment of burning - 182 this is (the recompense) for what your hands have sent ahead,' for God is

never unjust towards (His) servants. 183 (As for) those who say, 'Indeed, God has taken a pledge from us that we should not believe in any messenger unless he brings down to us an offering to be consumed by fire (from the sky).' Say, (to them, O prophet), 'Certainly, there came to you (i.e. to your forefathers) other messengers before me, with (all) evidence of the truth and (even) what you demanded. Why, then, did you kill them, if you are the truth-speaking (people)?' 184 And if they give you the lie, so have (many) messengers been given the lie before your time, even though they came with (all) evidence of the truth, and writs (of divine wisdom), and the Book of Enlightenment. 185 Every human being is bound to taste death; and you will be paid your rewards in full (for whatever you have done) on the Day of Resurrection. **THEN WHOEVER IS SPARED FROM THE FIRE AND ADMITTED INTO PARADISE HAS REALLY GAINED A SUCCESS. FOR THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD IS NOTHING BUT AN ENJOYMENT OF SELF-DELUSION.**

186 (O believers) you will certainly be tested in your wealth and your own selves; and you will certainly hear many hurtful things from those who were given the Book before you, and from those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God. But if you remain steadfast and conscious of Him; indeed, that is a matter of firm resolve. 187 And (remember) when God took a covenant from those who were granted the (divine) Book (earlier, saying), 'Make it known to mankind, and do not conceal it!' But they cast this (pledge) behind their backs (i.e. totally neglected this pledge); and bartered it for a trifling gain, and how evil was what they purchased! 188 Do not let - those who rejoice in (their misdeeds) and love to take

credit for what they have not done - think they will escape the torment; for them there is a painful punishment (in the eternal life). 189 And to God belongs the sovereignty of the heavens and the earth, and God is Ever-Powerful over everything.

190 **INDEED, IN THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, AND IN THE ALTERNATION OF NIGHT AND DAY, THERE ARE INDEED (MESSAGEFUL) SIGNS FOR ALL WHO ARE ENDOWED WITH INSIGHT,** 191 those who remember God while standing, and sitting, and (lying) on their sides; and they reflect on the creation of the heavens and the earth (and pray), **'O OUR LORD! YOU HAVE NOT CREATED ALL THIS IN VAIN.** All Glory be to You! So, protect us from the torment of the Fire. 192 O our Lord! Indeed, whomever You cause to enter the Fire, then You have certainly disgraced him; and for the evildoers there will have none to help them. 193 O our Lord! Indeed, we have heard a caller calling to (the true) faith (saying), 'Believe in your Lord (alone),' so we came to believe. O our Lord! Forgive us our sins, and efface our bad deeds; and cause us (each) to die as one of the righteous (and join us among the righteous in the eternal world). 194 O our Lord! Grant us what You have promised us through Your messengers, and do not disgrace us on the Day of Resurrection. Indeed, You never fail to fulfil Your promise.

195 Then their Lord responded to them, 'Indeed, I will never let go waste the deeds of the doer among you, whether male or female; you are of one another (i.e. both are equal in reward). So those who emigrated, and were driven out from their homeland, and made to suffer harm in My cause, and fought (for it), and (some) were killed - I will certainly efface their bad deeds, and I will certainly cause them to enter into Gardens through which running waters flow, as a reward from God. And with God is the best reward.' 196 Let the movements

in the land of those who deny the truth not deceive you. 197 It is (but) a little enjoyment, then their abode is Hell - what a terrible resting place! 198 But those who remain conscious of their Lord will have Gardens through which running waters flow, wherein they will abide forever - as hospitality from God. And that which is with God is best for the righteous. 199 And indeed, among the followers of the (earlier divine) Book, there are some who truly believe in God and what has been revealed to you as well as what had been revealed to them, humbling themselves before God. They never barter away God's messages for a trifling gain. It is they who will have their reward with their Lord, for, indeed, God is quick to settle accounts. 200 O you who have attained to faith! Be patient, and vie in patience (with one another), and be ever-ready (to do what is right); and remain conscious of God, so that you may be successful.

SURAH–4. AN-NISAA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 **O MANKIND! BE CONSCIOUS OF YOUR LORD, WHO CREATED YOU (ALL) FROM A SINGLE PERSON (-THE FIRST MAN - ADAM), AND FROM HIM HE CREATED HIS MATE, AND THROUGH BOTH HE SPREAD COUNTLESS MEN AND WOMEN.** And remain conscious of God, in Whose name you demand (your rights) from one another, (and be mindful of your obligations in respect of) ties of kinship. Indeed, God is Ever-Watchful over you. 2 And give the orphans their wealth (when they reach maturity), and do not exchange (your) worthless things for the good things (which belong to them), and do not devour their wealth by mixing it with your own. For this is indeed a great sin. 3 And if you fear that you might not act equitably towards orphans (i.e. orphan girls by marrying them), then marry from among (other) women you like, (even) two, or three, or four, but if you fear that you might not be able to treat them with equal fairness, then marry (only) one, or (you can marry from

among) those whom you rightfully possess. This will make it more likely that you will avoid committing injustice. 4 And give the women (you wed) their dower graciously. But if they waive to you some of it willingly, then consume it in satisfaction and ease.

5 Do not give those who are of immature mind - your wealth - which God has granted you as a means of support for you, but provide for them with it, and clothe them, and speak to them kindly. 6 And test (the competence of) the orphans until they reach a marriageable age, then if you find them to be mature of mind, hand over to them their wealth; and do not devour it by wasteful spending, and in haste (fearing) that they will grow up (and demand it). If the guardian is rich, he should abstain entirely (from taking any wage); and let him, who is poor, partake thereof in a fair manner. And when you hand over to them their wealth, let there be witnesses on their behalf. And God is Sufficient as a (Ever-Vigilant) Reckoner. 7 For men there is a share in what is left behind by their parents and the close relatives, and for women there is a share in what is left by their parents and close relatives, whether it is little or much - a share ordained (by God). 8 But if at the time of distribution (non-inheriting) relatives, or orphans, or needy are present, give them something (too) thereof for their sustenance, and speak to them kindly. 9 Let those (who are in charge of orphans) be cautions just as they (themselves) would have been concerned, if they had left helpless offspring behind; so let them remain conscious of God, and speak equitably. 10 Indeed, those who devour the wealth of orphans wrongfully, (in fact,) they fill their bellies with fire. Soon they will be burned in a blazing Fire.

11 Concerning (the inheritance of) your children, God enjoins you that a male will receive a share equivalent to that of two females. But if there are (only) females, two or more, then for them two thirds of what (their parents) left behind; and if there is only one daughter, then for her is half. And as for the parents (of the deceased), each of them will have one sixth of

what he left behind, if he has a child. But if he does not have a child, and his parents (alone) inherit from him, then for his mother is one-third. But if he has siblings, then for his mother will have one-sixth, after (fulfilling) any will (i.e. bequest) he made, or (after the payment of) any debt (he might have incurred). As for your parents and your children - you do not know which of them is going to be more beneficial to you, (therefore this is) an obligation from God. Indeed, God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. **12** And for you is half of what your wives leave behind, provided they have no child. But if they have a child, then for you is one fourth of what they leave, after (fulfilling) any will (i.e. bequest) they made and (after the payment) of any debt (they might have incurred). And your widows will have one-quarter of what you leave behind, provided you have no child, but if you have a child, then they will have one-eighth of what you leave behind, after (fulfilling) any bequest you made and (after the payment) of any debt. And if a man or woman has no heir in the direct line (i.e. has no parents or child), but has a brother or a sister, then each of these will inherit one-sixth, but if they are more than two, then, they share in one-third, after (fulfilling) any bequest that might have been made and (after the payment) of any debt, without being harmful (to the heirs). (This is) an injunction from God. And God is All-knowing and Most Forbearing. **13** These are the bounds set by God. Whoever obeys God and His messenger will be admitted into Gardens through which running waters flow, abiding therein forever; that is the ultimate success! **14** But whoever disobeys God and His messenger, and transgresses His bounds, He will cause him to enter into the Fire, he will abide in it forever, and will suffer a humiliating punishment.

15 (As for) those of your women who commit immorality, then bring against them four witnesses from among yourselves. And if they testify (to their guilt), then confine the (guilty) women in their houses until death takes them away, or God

opens for them a way (through repentance). 16 And the two among you who commit it (i.e. immorality), then punish both of them. But if they both repent and mend their ways, then turn away from both of them. Indeed, God is Ever-Acceptor of repentance, Most Merciful. 17 (And remember that) God only accepts the repentance of those who do evil out of ignorance (or recklessness), and then repent soon after. It is those to whom God will turn again in His mercy, For God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. 18 But repentance is not accepted from those who (knowingly) persist in sin, until death approaches one of them, (and then) he cries, 'Now I repent,' nor from those who die as deniers of the truth; it is these for whom We have prepared a painful punishment.

19 O you who have attained to faith! It is not permissible for you to (try to) forcefully become heirs to women (i.e. against their will), nor should you hinder them wrongfully (from getting married), so that you may take back some of what you have given them - unless they are found (proven) guilty of adultery. And live with them in accordance with what is fair and kind. For, if you dislike them, it may be that you dislike something, and God has placed much good in it. 20 And if you intend replacing one wife with another, (then,) do not take back anything of what you have given the first one, even if you have given one of them a treasure. Would you take it back wrongfully and sinfully? 21 And how could you take it back when you have been intimate with one another, and they have taken a strong covenant from you? 22 And do not marry women whom your fathers have (previously) married, although what is past is past; it was indeed a shameful thing, and a hateful (deed), and an evil practice. 23 Forbidden to you (for marriage) are your mothers, and your daughters, and your sisters, and your aunts - paternal and maternal, and your brothers' daughters, and your sisters' daughters, your foster-mothers, and foster-sisters, and the mothers of your wives; and your step-daughters - who are your foster-children - born of your wives with whom you have consummated your marriage; but if you

have not consummated your marriage, then there is no sin on you (by marrying their daughters), and (also forbidden to you are) the spouses of the sons who have sprung from your loins; and (you are forbidden) to have two sisters (as your wives) simultaneously, but what is past is past. Surely God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

PART – 5 24 And (forbidden to you are) all married women, except whom you rightfully possess (through wedlock). (This is) God's ordinance binding upon you. But lawful to you are all (women) beyond these, (provided) that you seek them (in marriage) with your wealth in honest wedlock, not in fornication. When you consummate your marriage with them, give them their bridal due as an obligation. But you will incur no sin if, after (having agreed upon) this lawful due, you freely agree with one-another upon anything (else), Indeed, God is All Knowing, Supremely Wise. 25 And whoever among you is not in a position to marry a free chaste believing women (owing to the circumstances), then (let him marry) believing maids from among those whom you rightfully possess. And God knows best all about your faith. You (believers) are of one another. So marry them with the permission of their masters, and give them their bridal due in a fair manner. (They should be) chaste; (and they should not be of) those who commit immoral acts, nor of those who take (secret) love companions. And when they are married, if they commit adultery, then their punishment is half of that which is prescribed for free (married) women. This (permission) is for him among you who fears falling into sin, but if you stay patient, it is better for you. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

26 God wants to make things clear to you, and to guide you to the (righteous) ways of (life of) those who were before you, and to turn towards you in His mercy; for God is All-knowing, Supremely Wise. 27 God wants to turn towards you in mercy, but those who follow their desires want you deviate (into) a great deviation (i.e. they want you to turn away utterly from the

right path). 28 God wants to lighten for you (your burdens), for human being has been created weak.

29 O you who have attained to faith! Do not devour one another's wealth wrongfully, but rather trade by mutual consent. And do not kill one another. Indeed, God is Most Merciful towards you. 30 And whoever does that in aggression and injustice, then soon We will cast him into a Fire. And that is (indeed) easy for God. 31 If you avoid great sins, which you are forbidden, We will efface your (minor) bad deeds, and will cause you to enter an honourable entrance (i.e. an abode of honour). 32 And do not covet for (the bounties) which God has bestowed more abundantly on some of you than on others. **FOR MEN IS A SHARE OF WHAT THEY HAVE EARNED, AND FOR WOMEN IS A SHARE OF WHAT THEY HAVE EARNED.** And ask God (to give you) out of His bounty. God has indeed full knowledge of everything.

Note: - As far as respect and reward is concerned, Islam does not discriminate between man and woman at all. Islam believes that man and woman are equal in respect and reward, but different in role. But as far as practical aspects of life are concerned, they are not equal, but complementary to each other.

33 And for all We have appointed heirs to what is left by the parents and close relatives. And as for those to whom you have made a pledge, give them their share. Indeed, God is Ever-Witness over everything.

34 Men are protectors (and caretakers) of women, because God has graced some of them over others, and because they spend from their wealth. So the righteous women are devoutly obedient, guarding in (their) husbands' absence what God orders them to guard (i.e. their husbands' honour and wealth). And those, from whom you fear ill-conduct, admonish them (first), (if they persist,) leave them alone in beds, (but if they

still persist) then beat them (as a last resort), **but if they change (and mend) their ways, then do not be unjust to them.** Indeed, God is Most Exalted, Supremely Great.

Note: -.The matter of beating wives has been misinterpreted a lot. The fact concerning present life is that both man and woman are free in this world. Where there is freedom, there may be its misuse too. Family is an institution, and every institution requires a boss for its proper functioning. The boss of the family not only checks the misconduct of wife, but also of other members of family. This is what was misinterpreted through the spectacles of gender equality and oppression.

The prophet of Islam clearly said, 'Remain conscious of God in the matters of women.' The one who is God-conscious can never be of oppressing attitude.

Divorce is such a worst incident in one's life, which affects the entire family for years. To avoid such a terrible incident, one has to try his best in various possible ways. The ways admonished in the Quran are meant for the betterment of the family, not for the destruction of the family. All resorts must be accepted to save the family from the destructive way of divorce. It was in fact a matter of well-wishing, which has been wrongly interpreted as a matter of oppression.

When a teacher or father or mother scolds or beats a child, it is not considered as a matter of hostility, but it is considered a matter of well-wishing.

The boss of the family works hard day and night for the betterment of his family. He tries his best for the pleasure of his family members. When he sees a family member is doing something which is not good for family, then he tries to correct him/her. This is the case of correction, not the case of oppression.

The same verse of the Quran is saying that 'If they change and mend their ways, then do not be unjust towards them.'

35 If you (have reason to) fear a breach (might occur) between the two (i.e. between the married couple), then appoint an arbitrator from his family and an arbitrator from her family.

If they both want to reconcile, God will cause reconciliation between them. Indeed, God is All-Knowing and Ever-Aware.

36 And worship God (alone), and do not associate anything with Him, and do good to your parents, and relatives, and orphans, and the poor, and near and distant neighbours, and close friends, and the (needy) wayfarers, and those whom you rightfully possess. Indeed, God does not like those who are arrogant and boastful - 37 those who are niggardly, and urge others to be niggardly, and conceal whatever God has given them out of His bounty; and We have prepared a humiliating punishment for those who deny the truth. 38 And (God does not like) those (too) who spend their wealth (on others only) to be seen (and praised) by people, and do not believe in God and the Last Day; and he who has Satan as a companion, then evil is he as a companion! 39 **What (harm would have fallen) upon them if they had believed in God and the Last Day, and spent out of what God provided for them? And God has full knowledge of them.** 40 Indeed, God never wrongs (anyone, even as much as) an atom's weight. And if there is a good deed, He multiplies it; and gives from Himself a great reward.

41 So how (will it be) when We bring forward a witness from within every community, and bring you (O prophet) as a witness against these people? 42 On that Day, those who were bent on denying the truth and paid no heed to the messenger (i.e. those who disobeyed the messenger) will wish that the earth were made levelled over them. But they will never be able to hide a single fact/word from God. 43 O you who have attained to faith! Do not approach the prayer when you are intoxicated, until you understand what you say, nor (when you are) in a state of (full) impurity - until you have bathed, except if you are travelling (and are unable to do so). But if you are ill, or are travelling, or one of you has just satisfied a want of

nature; or you have been intimate with your wives, and you cannot find any water, then take resort to clean dust, passing (therewith) lightly over your face and your hands. Indeed, God is Absolver of sins and Most Forgiving.

44 Are you not aware of those, who were given a portion of the (divine) Book; now they barter it away for error, and want you (too) lose the (straight) path? **45** But God knows best who your enemies are! And Sufficient is God as a Protector; and Sufficient is God as a Supporter. **46** Among those of the Jewish faith who distort (the meaning of the revealed) words, taking them out of their context; and they say, 'We have heard, but we disobey,' and hear - as one who does not hear,' (and they say) 'Raina (look at us),' twisting their tongues so as to defame the religion. But if they had said (courteously), 'We have heard, and we obey,' 'Listen to us,' and 'Give us your attention,' it would have been for their own good and more upright. But God has condemned them because of their refusal to acknowledge the truth, so they do not believe but a little.

47 O you who were given the (divine) Book (earlier)! Believe in what We have (now) sent down (to Muhammad) - confirming what is with you (of the truth), before We wipe out (your) faces turning them backwards, or condemn them just as We condemned those people who broke the Sabbath. For God's command is (always) carried out. **48** **INDEED, GOD DOES NOT FORGIVE THE ASCRIBING OF DIVINITY TO OTHERS BESIDES HIM**, although He forgives other than that (i.e. any lesser sin) for whom He wills. **AND WHOEVER ASSOCIATES PARTNERS WITH GOD, HE HAS INDEED COMMITTED A TERRIBLE SIN.** **49** Are you not aware of those who (falsely) claim themselves pure? Rather, it is God Who causes whomever He wills to grow in purity; and they will not be wronged even as much as a hair's breadth. **50** Look, how they fabricate a lie against God! This in itself is sufficient as a manifest sin.

51 Are you not aware of those who were given a portion of the (divine) Book? Yet they believe in (baseless) mysteries and evil powers; and they say about those who deny the truth, 'These are more rightly guided than those who have attained to faith?' 52 It is they whom God has condemned, and he whom God condemns will find none to help him. 53 Is it that they have a share in (God's) dominion? (If so,) they would not have given anyone (even as much as) the speck on a date-stone! 54 Or is it that they envy people for what God has given them out of His bounty? But surely, We gave the descendants of Abraham the (divine) Book and wisdom, and We granted them a great kingdom. 55 Then of them are such who (truly) believe in him (i.e. in Muhammad), and of them are such who turned away from him. And sufficient is Hell as a Blazing Fire (i.e. sufficient for punishing them). 56 For, indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth of Our messages - We will cast them into the Fire, (and) every time their skins are burnt up, We will replace them with fresh skins, so that they may (constantly) taste the punishment. Indeed, God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. 57 As for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, We will soon cause them to enter into Gardens through which running waters flow, to abide therein forever, there they will have pure spouses, and We will admit them into a dense shade.

58 Behold, God commands you to give back the things entrusted to you to their (rightful) owners, and whenever you judge between people, judge with justice. Surely, most excellent is what God exhorts you (to do)! Indeed, God is All-Hearing, All-Seeing. 59 O you who have attained to faith! Obey God and obey the messenger and those who have been entrusted with authority among you. And if you disagree over any matter, then refer it to God and the messenger, if you (truly) believe in God and the Last Day. That is best (for you), and best in the end (i.e. best in reward). 60 Are you not aware of those who claim that they believe in what has been revealed to you, and in what was revealed before you (to other

prophets)? (And yet) they wish to go for judgement to evil powers, even though they were commanded to reject them. And Satan (only) wants to lead them far astray. 61 And when it is said to them, 'Come to what God has sent down, and (come) to the messenger,' you can see the hypocrites turn away from you in aversion. 62 But how (horrible) will it be when a disaster befalls them (on the Day of Justice) because of what their hands have sent ahead? Then they come to you swearing by God, (saying,) 'Our aim was but to do good, and to bring about harmony.' 63 Those are the ones - God knows all that is in their hearts, so ignore them (i.e. ignore what they say), admonish them, and speak to them penetrating words (i.e. speak to them in such terms as will address their minds).

64 We did not send any messenger but to be obeyed by God's will. Had they, after having wronged themselves, come to you (O prophet), seeking God's forgiveness, and the messenger had prayed for their forgiveness, they would have certainly found God - Ever-Acceptor of repentance, Most Merciful. 65 But no! By your Lord, they will never believe (i.e. they can never be true believers) until they accept you (O prophet) as the judge in their disputes, and then they do not find in their hearts any discomfort about what you decide, and submit in full submission (i.e. accept your decision wholeheartedly). 66 And if We had commanded them, 'Sacrifice your lives,' or 'forsake your homes,' only a very few of them would have done it. But if they had done what they were admonished (to do), it would have certainly been far better for them, as well as more strengthening (for their faith); 67 and then We would have certainly given them from Ourselves a great reward; 68 and We would have guided them to the straight path. 69 And whoever obeys God and the messenger, those will be in the company of the ones upon whom God has bestowed His blessings: the prophets, and the truthful (i.e. those who always supported the truth and never deviated from it), and those who bore witness to the truth, and the righteous ones. What excellent companions those are! 70

Such is the bounty of God, and God is Sufficient as All-Knower.

71 O you who have attained to faith! Take your precautions; and go forth in small groups, or go forth all together. 72 There is certainly among you - one who lags behind (from the battle), and if disaster befalls you, he says, God has blessed me that I was not present with them. 73 But if good fortune comes to you from God, he would surely say, as if there had not been any amity between you and him, 'Oh, I wish I had been with them, so I could have attained a great success.' 74 Hence, let them fight in God's cause, who (are willing to) sacrifice the (fleeting) life of this world for the (eternal) life to come. And whoever fights in God's cause, whether he is killed, or achieves victory, We will grant him a great reward. 75 And what is (the matter) with you that you do not fight in the cause of God, and (for) the ones who are utterly helpless among men, and women, and children who cry out, 'O our Lord! Take us out of this town whose people are oppressors, and raise for us out of Your grace a protector, and raise for us out of Your grace a supporter.' 76 Those who have attained to faith fight in the cause of God; whereas those who are bent on denying the truth fight for Satan. Fight, then, against those friends of Satan, verily, Satan's guile is ever-weak!

77 Are you not aware of those who were told, 'Restrain your hands (from fighting), and be constant in prayer, and render the purifying dues?' But when fighting (in God's cause) was ordained for them, a faction of them feared those (hostile) people as God should be feared - or even more. And they say, 'O our Lord! Why have you ordained us to fight? If only You had postponed (it for) us for a short while.' Say,

'THE ENJOYMENT OF THIS WORLD IS SO LITTLE, WHEREAS THE HEREAFTER IS FAR BETTER FOR

THOSE WHO ARE CONSCIOUS OF GOD. And you will not be wronged (even as much as) a thread of the date stone. 78 Wherever you may be, death will overtake you, even if you in fortified towers.' If something good happens to them, they say, 'This is from God.' And if something evil befalls them, they say, 'This is because of you.' Say, 'All is from God.' So what is (wrong) with these people that they almost do not understand any discourse. 79 Whatever good happens to you is from God; but whatever evil befalls you is from your own self. We have sent you (O prophet) as a messenger to all mankind; and God is Sufficient as a Witness.

80 He who obeys the messenger, indeed, he has obeyed God, and whoever turns away, then (know that) We have not sent you as a guardian over them (i.e. you are not accountable for their conduct). 81 And they say, ('We pledge) obedience.' But when they leave you, a group of them conspires (in the dark of) night against what you say. But God records what they thus conspire (in the dark of night). So ignore them, and put your trust in God (alone), for none is as worthy of trust as God.

82 **DO THEY NOT THEN CONTEMPLATE THE QURAN? IF IT HAD BEEN FROM ANYONE OTHER THAN GOD, THEY WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY FOUND MUCH CONTRADICTION IN IT.** 83 And whenever there comes to them any news of security or fear (i.e. news of peace or war), they spread it. But if they had referred it to the messenger, and to those having authority among them (i.e. among the believers), those who can draw conclusions from it could have comprehended it (i.e. after proper investigation they could have arrived at the truth). Had it not been God's grace and mercy upon you, you would have certainly followed Satan - except for a few.

84 So fight in God's cause; you are not accountable except for yourself. But motivate the believers (to fight). God may well curb the might of those who are bent on denying the truth, for God is Strongest in might, and Severe in punishing. 85 Whoever intercedes for a good cause will have for himself a share of it; and whoever intercedes for an evil cause will have a portion (i.e. burden) of it. For, indeed, God is Ever-Watchful over everything. 86 And when you are greeted (by anyone) with a greeting (of peace,) then respond (him) with a better greeting, or (at least) return it (in a like manner). Indeed, God is an (Ever-Vigilant) Reckoner of all things.

87 (THE ONE TRUE) GOD - THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM, HE WILL CERTAINLY GATHER YOU (ALL TOGETHER) ON THE DAY OF RESURRECTION – ABOUT WHICH THERE IS NO DOUBT. AND WHOSE WORD CAN BE TRUER THAN GOD'S?

88 So, what is (the matter) with you, that you are divided into two groups concerning the hypocrites? (Seeing that) God (Himself) has reverted them (to the denial of the truth) for what they earned. Would you like to guide him whom God has let go astray? And whomever God lets go astray, for him you can never find a way (to guidance). 89 They want you to deny the truth, just as they have denied it, so that you may be all alike. So do not take from among them allies unless they emigrate for

the cause of God. But if they turn away (i.e. if they revert to open hostility against you), then seize them and kill them wherever you may find them. And do not take from among them any ally or supporter, **90** except those who seek refuge with the people between whom and you there is a treaty, or those who come to you feeling discomfort to fight against you or against their own people. And if God had willed, surely He would have given them power over you, and they would have surely fought you. **SO IF THEY KEEP AWAY FROM YOU, AND DO NOT FIGHT AGAINST YOU, AND OFFER YOU PEACE, THEN GOD DOES NOT ALLOW YOU TO HARM THEM.** **91** You will find others who want security from you, and security from their own people; so, whenever they are returned to temptation (i.e. find an opportunity of inflicting harm), they plunge into it. Hence, if they do not keep (themselves) aloof from you, nor offer you peace, nor restrain their hands from attacking you, then seize them and kill them wherever you find them; against these We have given you a clear authority.

92 And never should a believer kill another believer, unless (it be) by mistake. And whoever kills a believer by mistake, then he must set free a believing slave (from bondage), and blood money must be paid to the victim's family - unless they waive it as an act of charity. But if the victim was from a people hostile to you, and he was a believer, then (the compensation is) to free a believing slave. And if the victim belonged to a people with whom you have a treaty, then blood money must be paid to his family, and a believing slave must be freed (from bondage). And whoever does not find (the means), then (he has) to fast for two consecutive months, (this is) the atonement ordained by God. And God is indeed All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. **93** But whoever kills a believer deliberately, then his recompense will be Hell, where he will remain forever, and God's wrath will fall on him, and He will condemn him, and He will prepare for him a tremendous punishment.

94 (Hence) O you who have attained to faith! When you go forth (to war) in God's cause, make (due) investigation (i.e. make sure who you fight), and do not say to the one who offers you the (greetings of) peace, 'You are not a believer,' because you seek the transitory gains of this worldly life. But with God there are good things in plenty. You, too, were initially like them, but God has been gracious to you (i.e. He blessed you with the ideology of the truth). So (take care to) investigate. Surely, God is Ever-Aware of what you do. 95 Those believers who keep sitting (at home) - except those who are disabled - are not equal to those who strive hard in God's cause with their wealth and their lives. God has elevated in rank those who strive hard (in His cause) with their wealth and their lives above those who stayed behind (i.e. remained passive). Although God has promised the good to all (believers). Yet God has exalted those who strive hard over those who sit at home (i.e. remain passive) - by promising them with a great reward - 96 (high) ranks from Him as well as forgiveness and mercy, for God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

97 Indeed, when the angels seize the souls of those who have wronged themselves - scolding them, 'What do you think you were doing?' They will answer, 'We were oppressed in the land.' The angels will say, 'Was God's earth not spacious (enough) for you to emigrate therein?' It is they - whose abode is Hell, what a terrible destination! 98 But excepted will be the (truly) helpless among men, and women, and children, who cannot devise a plan, nor are they directed to a way. 99 As for such, it is likely that God would pardon them. God is Absolver of sins, Most Forgiving. 100 And whoever emigrates for the cause of God will find on the earth many places of refuge, and abundant provision. And whoever leaves his home as an emigrant to God and His messenger; and then death overtakes him (while emigrating), then certainly his reward has become incumbent on God. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

101 (O believers!) When you travel through the land, you will incur no sin by shortening (your) prayer, if you (have reason to) fear that those who are bent on denying the truth may harm you. Indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth are your evident enemies. 102 (O prophet!) When you are (campaigning) with the believers, and you lead them in prayer, let one group of them pray with you - while armed. When they have finished their prayer, let them take their positions in the rear, then let the other group come forward, which has not yet prayed, and let them pray with you, keeping vigilant and carrying their arms. Those who deny the truth wish to see you neglect your arms and your equipment, so that they could launch on you a surprise attack. But there is no blame on you if you lay down your weapons because of inconvenience of (heavy) rain, or because you are ill, but take all your precautions. Indeed, God has prepared a humiliating punishment for those who are bent on denying the truth. 103 And when you have finished your prayers, **REMEMBER GOD - WHETHER YOU ARE STANDING OR SITTING OR LYING ON YOUR SIDES.** But when you are secure, then perform the (regular) prayers. Indeed, performing prayers is a duty prescribed for the believers at appointed times.

Note: - Remembering God is not a lip service, nor is it an activity bound with some specific time, but remembering God is a live activity - which is performed with thrilling spirit, and it is all time activity. It means one has to remember God at various occasions of one's life. It requires the constant God oriented thought process, during it one can convert one's material experiences into spiritual lessons.

104 And do not be weak in pursuing the (enemy) host. If you are suffering harm, then indeed, they are also suffering harm just like you, but you can hope (to receive succour) from God, what they can never hope for. God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise.

105 Indeed, We have sent down the (divine) Book to you with the truth, so that you may judge between people in accordance with what God has taught you. Hence, do not be an advocate for the treacherous. 106 But pray God to forgive (them). Indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 107 Yet do not argue on behalf of those who are false to their own selves. Indeed, God does not like anyone who is treacherous and sinful. 108 **They seek to hide (their deception) from people, but they can never hide it from God, for He is with them, whenever they devise plans (in the dark of) night, uttering things, of which He does not approve. And God encompasses whatever they do.**

109 Here you are, you are those who argue on their behalf in the life of this world, but who will (dare to) argue with God on their behalf on the Day of Resurrection, or who will be their defender. 110 And whoever commits evil, or wrongs his (own) soul, and then seeks forgiveness of God, he will (certainly) find God - Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 111 And whoever commits a sin, only commits it against himself. And God is indeed All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. 112 And whoever commits an evil or sinful deed, and then throws the blame on an innocent person, then surely he has burdened himself with a slander and a manifest sin. 113 And if it were not for the grace of God and His mercy upon you, some of those (who are false to themselves) would indeed (endeavour to) lead you astray, yet they lead astray none but themselves, nor can they harm you in any way. And God has sent down to you the (divine) Book and wisdom, and has taught you what you never knew. And God's favour upon you is great (indeed)!

114 There is no good in most of their secret talks, except for one who encourages (people to do) charity, or (to do an act of) kindness, or (to do) reconciliation between people. And whoever does that, seeking the God's goodly acceptance, We will give him a great reward. 115 But whoever opposes the

messenger after guidance has become clear to him, and follows a path other than that of the believers, **WE WILL LET HIM PURSUE (THE PATH) WHICH HE HIMSELF HAS CHOSEN, AND WILL CAST HIM INTO HELL - WHAT A TERRIBLE DESTINATION!**

Note: - In this world of trial, everybody is totally free to choose the path of life, and according to his chosen path he is bound to reach the destination. God never makes anybody choose the path of Hell, but man himself chooses it; then none can save him from reaching its destination.

116 Indeed, God does not forgive associating partners with Him, but He forgives other than that for whom He wills. Whoever associates partners with God has certainly lost the way - straying far away. **117** They invoke besides Him none but female deities; and thus they (actually) invoke none but a rebellious Satan - **118** whom God has rejected, and he (i.e. Satan) said, 'I will surely take hold of a certain number of Your servants; **119** I will certainly lead them astray and arouse (sinful) desires in them. Also I will command them, and they will certainly slit the ears of cattle (slitting the ears of cattle dedicated to idols was a superstitious practice before Islam); and I will command them, and they will tamper with God's creation, and whosoever takes Satan as a patron instead of God is utterly ruined. **120** Satan only makes (false) promises to them, and arouses (sinful) desires in them. Yet whatever Satan promises them is nothing but deception. **121** It is they whose abode is Hell, and they will find no way to escape from it. **122** But those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, We will soon cause them to enter into Gardens through which running waters flow, wherein they will abide forever, this is, in truth, God's promise - **AND WHOSE WORD COULD BE TRUER THAN GOD'S?**

123 (Entering into Paradise depends) neither (on) your wishful thinking, nor (on) the wishful thinking of the followers of the (earlier divine) Book. Whoever does evil will be requited accordingly, and the evildoer will find none to protect or help him against God. 124 But whoever does righteous deeds, whether it be a man or a woman, provided that he (or she) is a believer, it is they who will enter Paradise, and they will never be wronged (even as much as) the speck on a date-seed. 125 And who could be of better faith than one who submits his whole being to God, and is a (sincere) doer of good, and follows the way of Abraham, who had turned away from all that is false (and had fully submitted to God), whom God chose as a close friend (i.e. the one who is living spiritually in the nearness of God)? 126 **TO GOD (ALONE) BELONGS ALL THAT IS IN THE HEAVENS AND ALL THAT IS ON THE EARTH. (INDEED,) GOD ENCOMPASSES EVERYTHING.**

Note: - 'God' presented in the Quran is Only and True God. The truth is that God existed before the existence of every creation, and He will exist forever. This being the reason everything that exists has been created by God, that is why everything in the heavens and the earth belongs to Him alone.

127 And they ask you concerning women. Say, God has given you directions concerning them, and what has (already) been recited to you in the Book concerning the orphan girls to whom you do not give what is prescribed for them, yet you desire to marry them, and concerning helpless children - (He has instructed you) to deal justly with orphans. Whatever good you do, indeed, God is All-knowing of it. 128 And if a woman fears ill-treatment or indifference on the part of her husband, then there is no sin upon them that they seek to set things peacefully between themselves (i.e. they seek reconciliation), for reconciliation is the best. And selfishness is ever-present in human souls. But if you (sincerely) do good and remain conscious of Him, then, behold, God is Ever-Aware of all that

you do. 129 And you will never be able to treat your wives with equal fairness, however much you may desire it. So do not completely incline (towards one), leaving the other in suspense (i.e. in an uncertain state whether she has or does not have a husband). But if you do what is right and remain conscious of Him, then indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 130 But if they choose to separate (from each other), God will enrich each (of them) out of His abundance; for God is indeed All-Encompassing, Supremely Wise.

131 To God (alone) belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. We have already enjoined those whom (divine) Book was given before you, as well as (We have enjoined) upon yourselves, to remain conscious of God. But if you deny, then (know that), to God belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. God is indeed Self-Sufficient and Ever-Praiseworthy. 132 To God (alone) belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth, and none is as worthy of trust as God. 133 If He so wills, He can eliminate you altogether - O mankind, and replace you with others, for God has full power to do so. 134 Whoever desires the reward of this world, then (let him know that) with God are the rewards of this world and of the Hereafter. And God is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

135 O you who have attained to faith! Be ever steadfast in upholding justice, and bear witness to the truth for the sake of God, even though it be against your own selves, or your parents, or close relatives. Whether the person is rich or poor, for God is best to ensure their interests. So do not let your desires cause you to deviate (from doing justice). And if you distort (the testimony), or refuse to give it, then remember that God is Ever-Aware of all that you do.

136 O you who have attained to faith! Believe in God and His messenger, and the Book - which He has sent down to His messenger, as well as what He sent down before. Whoever denies God, and His angels, and His revelations, and His messengers, and the Last Day, then surely he has lost the way -

straying far away. 137 Behold, as for those who come to believe, and then deny the truth, then again come to believe, and again deny the truth, and thereafter grow stubborn in their denial of the truth, God will not forgive them, nor will He guide them to the (right) path. 138 (O prophet!) Announce to the hypocrites that painful punishment awaits them - 139 those who take the deniers of the truth as their allies instead of the believers. Do they seek honour (and power) in their company? But, indeed, all honour (and power) belongs to God (alone).

140 And He has already revealed to you in the Book that when you hear people deny the truth of God's messages and mock at them, then you should avoid their company until they engage in another discourse - or else you yourselves will become like them. Indeed, God will gather the hypocrites and those who deny the truth in Hell all together. 141 The hypocrites wait to see (what evil happens to) you; so, in case you gain a victory from God, they say (to you), 'Were we not with you?' And in case the deniers of the truth gain a success, they say (to them), 'Did we not have the advantage over you, yet we protected you from the believers?' But God will judge between (all of) you on the Day of Resurrection; and never will God give the deniers of the truth any way over the believers.

142 Indeed, the hypocrites seek to deceive God, but it is He Who causes them to be deceived (by themselves). And whenever they stand up for prayer, they stand up reluctantly, only to be seen (and praised) by people, and they do not remember God but a little. 143 Wavering in between (i.e. wavering in between acceptance and denial of the truth), neither with these (i.e. believers), nor with those (i.e. deniers of the truth). But for him - whom God lets go astray, you can never find a way (to guidance) for him. 144 O you who have attained to faith! Do not take the deniers of the truth for your allies instead of the believers! Do you want to give God a clear evidence against yourselves? 145 Indeed, the hypocrites will be in the lowest depths of the Fire, and you will never find for them any helper - 146 except those who repent and mend their

ways, and hold fast to God, and are sincere in their faith in God alone, then those will be with the believers (in the post-death life). And soon God will give the believers a great reward. 147 What would God gain by punishing you if you are grateful (towards Him), and believe (in Him)? God is Ever-Appreciative, All-Knowing.

PART – 6 148 God does not like the public utterance of evil words (i.e. hurtful speech), unless it be by the one who has been wronged. God is indeed All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 149 Whether you do good openly or secretly (everything is before God), or pardon others for evil (done to you), for, behold, God is Absolver of sins and All-Powerful. 150 Indeed, those who deny God and His messengers, and seek to make a distinction between God and His messengers and say, 'We believe in some and disbelieve in others,' and they wish to adopt a path in between - 151 it is they who are indeed the deniers of the truth; and for those who deny the truth - We have prepared a humiliating punishment. 152 But as for those who believe in God and His messengers, and make no distinction between any of them, to those - He will give them their rewards soon. For God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

153 The followers of the (earlier divine) Book (i.e. Jews and Christians) demand you (O prophet) to bring down for them a revelation in writing from the heaven (i.e. they demand the Quran to be revealed all at once in written form similar to the tablets of Moses). They had demanded Moses even greater than that, when they had said (to Moses), 'Make us see God face to face' - so the thunderbolt (of punishment) overtook them for their wrongdoing. Then they took to worshipping the (golden) calf; even after clear evidence of the truth had come to them! Yet We were clement (towards them) for that (i.e. after their repentance We pardoned them), and We gave Moses a clear authority. 154 We raised the Mount (Sinai) over them (as a warning), while taking their covenant, and We said to them, 'Enter the gate (of the town) with humility.' We also warned

them, 'Do not transgress in (the matter of) the Sabbath law.' And We took from them a firm covenant (about this).

155 And so, (they were condemned) for breaking their covenant, and for refusing to acknowledge God's messages, and killing the prophets unjustly, and for their saying, 'Our hearts are unreceptive (i.e. your ideology cannot enter into our hearts)!' Rather, it is God Who has sealed up their hearts for their denial of the truth, so they do not believe but a little - 156 and for their refusal to acknowledge the truth, and for their outrageous allegation against Mary (they were rejected by God). 157 And (for) their boasting (they were rejected), 'We have indeed killed the Christ, Jesus - the son of Mary, (who claimed to be) the messenger of God!' (But the fact is that) they neither killed him, nor did they crucify him, but it was only made to appear to them so. Even those who argue in this matter are in doubt concerning it. They have no (certain) knowledge about it, except the following of (mere) assumptions. It is absolutely certain that they did not kill him, 158 rather, God raised him up to Himself (with due honour). And God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. 159 Yet there is none from the followers of the (earlier divine) Book, but that he will surely believe in (the truth about) Jesus; before his death. And on the Day of Resurrection Jesus (himself) will bear witness to the truth against them. 160 Because of the wrongdoings of the Jews, We forbade them (certain) good things that had been allowed to them (before), and (We did this) for their hindering many (people) from the path of God, 161 and for their taking of usury, although they were forbidden from taking it; and for unjustly consuming people's wealth. For those from among them who (continue to) deny the truth, We have prepared a painful punishment. 162 But as for those from among them who are deeply rooted in knowledge, and the believers who (truly) believe in what has been revealed to you, and what was revealed before you - (especially) those who are constant in prayer and spend in charity (i.e. pay Zakah), and believe in God and the Last Day - it is they whom We will give a great reward soon.

163 Indeed, We have revealed to you (O prophet,) as We revealed to Noah, and all the prophets after him, and We also revealed to Abraham, and Ishmael, and Isaac, and Jacob, and his descendants, including Jesus, and Job, and Jonah, and Aaron, and Solomon (We revealed Our messages); and to David We gave the Psalms. 164 And We have mentioned to you about (some) messengers (sent) previously, and (there were other) messengers about whom We have not mentioned to you. And to Moses God spoke directly. 165 (We sent all these) messengers as bearers of glad tidings and warners, so mankind should have no excuse (or argument) before God after (the coming of) the messengers (that they were unaware of His creation plan). And God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.

166 Yet (if you are denied, O prophet,) God (Himself) bears witness to that which He has sent down to you - He has sent it down with His knowledge. The angels too bear witness; although God (alone) suffices as a Witness. 167 Indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth and (are bent) on hindering others from the path of God - they have indeed gone astray - straying far away (from the right path). 168 Indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth and (are bent on) evildoing - surely, God will never forgive them, nor will He guide them on any path, 169 except the path of Hell, they will abide therein forever; and that is (indeed) easy for God. 170 O mankind! The messenger has certainly come to you with the truth from your Lord, so believe for your own good! **BUT IF YOU DENY THE TRUTH, THEN (KNOW THAT,) TO GOD (ALONE) BELONGS ALL THAT IS IN THE HEAVENS AND ALL THAT IS ON THE EARTH.** And God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise.

Note: - How can one sustain himself in the universe after denying the Lord of the universe? Everyone must contemplate over this simple truth. There is no such worst and silliest thing in the universe that a man living in the universe denies the Lord of the universe.

171 O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! **DO NOT GO TO EXTREMES IN YOUR RELIGION, AND DO NOT SAY ABOUT GOD ANYTHING EXCEPT THE TRUTH.** The Christ Jesus - the son of Mary, was no more than a messenger of God, and His word which He had conveyed to Mary - and a spirit (created by a command) from Him. So believe, then, in God and His messengers. And do not say, '(God is a) Trinity.' Desist (from this assertion)! - for your own good. **THE (TRUE) GOD IS ONLY ONE GOD;** All Glory be to Him! He is far above having a son! To Him belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth. And God is Sufficient as a Disposer of affairs. 172 Jesus will never disdain to be God's servant, nor do the angels who are close to Him. And whoever disdains to worship Him and is arrogant, then (He should know that on the Day of Judgement) God will gather them all together before Him. 173 Then as for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, He will give them their reward in full and give them more from His bounty. But as for those who disdain and act arrogantly, He will punish them with a painful punishment, and they will find none to protect them from God, and none to help them. 174 O mankind! Verily, a clear proof has now come to you from your Lord (through this Quran), and We have sent down to you a clear light (showing you the right path).

175 So as for those who attain to faith in God, and hold fast to Him, He will admit them into His mercy and bounty, and will guide them to Himself through the straight path. 176 (O prophet,) they ask you the rule (of religion about Kalala i.e. the deceased who has no offspring or no parents alive as heir). Say, 'God gives you a ruling concerning Kalala.' If a man dies childless, but (has only) a sister, she will inherit one-half of

what he left, just as her brother will inherit her (estate) if she dies childless. But if the deceased leaves behind two sisters (or more), they will inherit two thirds of what he left. But if the deceased leaves male and female siblings, then the share of a male will be equal to that of two females. God makes (this) clear to you, lest you go astray. And God has full knowledge of everything.

SURAH–5. AL-MAAIDAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 O you who have attained to faith! Be true to your covenants! Lawful to you are the quadrupeds of the grazing livestock (i.e. the flesh of the quadruped that feeds on plants is lawful), except what is hereby announced to you, but you are not allowed to hunt while you are in the state of pilgrimage. Indeed, God decrees what He wills. 2 O you who have attained to faith! Do not violate (the sanctity of) the symbols set up by God, nor of the sacred month, nor of the sacrificial animals, nor of the (offerings decorated with) garlands (indicating they are to be sacrificed), nor of those pilgrims coming to the Sacred House seeking bounty and the goodly acceptance of their Lord. And when you are free from the obligations of the pilgrimage, you are free to hunt. And do not let the hatred of a people who once barred you from the Inviolable House of worship provoke you to transgress; but rather cooperate with one another in furthering virtue and God-consciousness, and do not cooperate with one another in furthering evil and enmity; and remain conscious of God, for, indeed, God is Severe in punishment.

3 Forbidden to you (for food) are carrion, and blood, and the flesh of swine, and that over which any name other than God has been invoked (while sacrificing), and the animal that is killed by strangling, or by a violent blow, or by headlong fall, or killed by goring of horns, and that which is (partly) eaten up by the wild animal except what you slaughter (before it dies), and (forbidden to you is) all that has been slaughtered

on idolatrous altars. And (you are also forbidden) the practice of drawing lots (to learn what the future may hold in store for you), this is all sinful conduct. This day, those who are bent on denying the truth have lost all hope of (defeating the ideology) of your religion; so do not fear them, but fear Me. This day, I have perfected your religion for you (i.e. I have preserved the ideology of the truth forever), and I have completed my favour upon you, and I have chosen Islam (i.e. self-surrender to Me) as your way (i.e. religion). But whoever is compelled by (extreme) hunger with no inclination towards sin (i.e. eats something of the forbidden things), then indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

4 They ask you (O prophet,) what is made lawful to them (to eat). Say, 'Lawful to you are all the good things (of life), and that which is caught by your trained hunting animals (and birds of prey), you train them as God has taught you. So eat of what they catch for you, but mention God's name over it, and remain conscious of God. Indeed, God is quick to settle accounts. 5 This day (all) good things have been made lawful for you; and the food of those who were given the (divine) Book earlier is lawful for you, and your food is lawful for them. And (lawful in marriage are) chaste women from the believers, and chaste women from among those who were given the (divine) Book before you, provided that you give them their bridal due, taking them in honest wedlock, not in fornication, nor as secret love companions. But whoever denies the faith, then surely, his (good) deeds will be worthless; and in the eternal life to come, he will be among the losers.

6 O you who have attained to faith! When you are about to pray, wash your faces, and your hands up to the elbows, and pass your (wet) hands lightly over your heads, and wash your feet up to the ankles. And if you are in a state of (full) impurity, then cleanse yourselves (by taking a full bath). But if you are ill, or are travelling, or any of you has just relieved himself, or you have been intimate with your spouses, (then purify yourself by bathing,) but if you can find no water, then take

some clean dust, passing therewith lightly over your faces and your hands. God does not want to impose any hardship on you, but He wants to make you pure, and to bestow upon you full measure of His blessings, so that you may be grateful.

7 And (always) remember the blessings of God upon you, and the covenant which He made with you, when you said, 'We have heard, and we obey.' Hence remain conscious of God. Indeed, God has full knowledge of what is (hidden) in the hearts (of people). 8 O you who have attained to faith! Always stand firm for God's cause and bear true testimony. And never let your enmity for a certain people turn you away from justice. Be just! That is closer to being God-conscious. And remain conscious of God; indeed, God is Ever-Aware of all that you do. 9 God has promised to those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds that for them there is forgiveness and a great reward. 10 But those who are bent on denying the truth, and (bent on) giving the lie to Our messages, they deserve for the blazing Fire (i.e. they are the inmates of blazing Fire). 11 O you who have attained to faith! Remember the blessings of God upon you, when a (hostile) people were about to lay their hands on you, but God restrained their hands from you. Remain, then, conscious of God, and in God let the believers put their trust.

12 Indeed, God took a covenant from the children of Israel and appointed twelve leaders from among them. Then God said, 'Indeed, I am with you if you are constant in prayer; and spend in charity, and believe in My messengers and support them, and give a generous loan to God, I will certainly forgive you your sins, and cause you to enter into Gardens through which running waters flow. But he from among you who, after this, denies the truth, has certainly strayed from the right path! 13 As a result of their breaking of their covenant, We condemned them and caused their hearts to harden. They distorted the meaning of the (revealed) words, taking them out of their context; they neglected much of what they had been commanded to uphold. And you will not cease experiencing some treacherous (act) on their part, except for a few. But

pardon them and overlook (their misdeeds). Indeed, God loves the (sincere) doers of good.

14 And (likewise) from among those who say, 'Behold, we are Christians,' We took their covenant, but they neglected an (important) portion of what they had been commanded to uphold. So We put enmity and hatred between them (to last) until the Day of Resurrection. And soon God will inform them about what they used to do.

15 O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! Surely, now there has come to you Our messenger to make clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture (i.e. very important things of the Scripture) and disregard much. Now there has certainly come to you from God a light and a clear (divine) Book, 16 through which God guides those who seek His goodly acceptance to the ways of peace, and brings them out of darkness (of the untruth) into the light (of the truth) by His will, and guides them to the straight path. 17 They have indeed denied the truth who say, 'God is the Christ - the son of Mary.' **SAY (O PROPHET), 'WHO HAS THE POWER TO PREVENT GOD, IF HE CHOSE TO DESTROY THE CHRIST – THE SON OF MARY, AND HIS MOTHER, AND EVERYONE WHO IS ON THE EARTH ALL TOGETHER?' For God's is the dominion over the heavens and the earth and all that is between them. He creates what He wills, and God is Ever-Powerful over everything.**

Note: - THIS IS THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ONE TRUE GOD - THE TRUE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE, THE TRUE LORD OF JESUS, MARY AND ALL HUMAN BEINGS ON THE EARTH.

18 And (both) the Jews and the Christians say, 'We are the children of God and His beloved ones!' Say, 'Why, then, does He cause you to suffer for your sins?' In fact, you are only human beings just like anyone else He created. He forgives whom He wills, and He causes to suffer whom He wills; for God's is the dominion over the heavens and the earth and all that is between them; and to Him is the final return (of all). 19 O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! There has indeed come to you Our messenger, making things clear to you, after a long time (i.e. an interval) during which no messengers have appeared, lest you say, 'No bearer of glad tidings has come to us, nor any warner,' for now there has come to you a bearer of glad tidings and a warner. And God is Ever-Powerful over everything.

20 And (remember) when Moses said to his people, 'O my people! Remember the blessings which God bestowed upon you when He raised up prophets among you, and made you sovereign (i.e. gave you power), and He gave you what He had never given anyone in the world. 21 O my people! Enter the holy land which God has assigned for you. But do not turn back, or else you will become losers.' 22 They answered, 'O Moses! Indeed, in that land are a tyrant people, and we will never enter it unless they depart therefrom; and if they depart therefrom, then certainly we will enter it.' 23 (But) two men from those who feared (God, and) whom God had blessed, said, 'Surprise them through the gate (i.e. take a sudden entry), for, as soon as you enter it, you will certainly be victorious. And in God you must place your trust if you are (true) believers.' 24 (Yet) they said, 'O Moses! We will never enter that (land), in any case, so long as they are in it. So go, both you and your Lord - and fight. (As for us,) we are sitting right here.'

25 Moses prayed, 'O my Lord! I have no control over anyone except myself and my brother, so separate us from (this) rebellious people!' 26 God answered, 'Then this (land) is forbidden to them for forty years, during which they will wander aimlessly through the land, so do not grieve over the rebellious people.'

27 Relate to them, setting forth the truth (O prophet), the story of the two sons of Adam, when they both offered sacrifice, and it was accepted from one of them, whereas it was not accepted from the other. (He, whose sacrifice was not accepted) threatened, 'I will surely kill you.' (He - whose sacrifice was accepted) replied, 'God accepts only from those who are conscious (of Him). 28 Even if you raise your hand to kill me, I will not raise my hand to kill you, for I fear God, the Sustainer of all the worlds. 29 Indeed, I want you to bear (the burden of all) the sins (ever) done by me as well as (the burden) of the sins done by you; and thus you become among the inmates of the Fire. Such is the recompense of the wrong-doers.'

30 Yet (the other's) mind drove him to killing his brother (i.e. he became mentally prepared to kill his brother); and he killed him, and thus he became of the losers. 31 (He did not know what to do with the dead body of his brother.) Then God sent forth a crow which scratched the ground (for a dead crow), in order to show him how to bury the dead body of his brother. He cried, 'Woe to me! Have I failed even to be like this crow and bury the dead body of my brother?' So he became regretful.

32 Because of that (i.e. from that first incident of violence against innocent human being) We ordained for the children of Israel that whoever kills a human being - unless it be (in punishment) for murder or for spreading corruption in the land -

IT WILL BE AS IF HE KILLED WHOLE OF MANKIND.

Whereas if anyone saves a human life, it will be as if he saved the whole of mankind. Certainly, there came to them Our messengers with clear evidence of the truth; yet even after that many of them continued committing (all manner of) excesses in the land. 33 Indeed, the (just) recompense for those who make a war against God and His messenger, and strive to spread corruption in the land, is that they (all) should be killed, or crucified, or their hands and their feet should be cut off on opposite sides, or that they should be exiled from the land. That is a disgrace for them in this life, and in the eternal life to come tremendous punishment awaits them. 34 Except those who repent before you overpower them; then know that God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

35 O you who have attained to faith! Remain conscious of God, and seek the ways to come closer to Him, and strive hard in His cause, so that you may be successful. 36 Surely, if those who are bent on denying the truth possessed all that is on the earth, and twice as much with it, and offer it all as ransom (to protect themselves) from the punishment of the Day of Resurrection, it would never be accepted from them; painful punishment awaits them. 37 They will be desperate to get out of the Fire, but they will never (be able to) get out of it, and for them there is an everlasting punishment. 38 **As for the man who commits theft, and the woman who commits theft, cut off their hands in recompense for what they have done - as an**

exemplary (punishment) from God. And God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. 39 But whoever repents after having thus done wrong; and mends his way, God will surely turn towards him in forgiveness. Indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Note: - Hands will be amputated of the thief, about whom - there remained no chance of repentance and reforms. And this punishment will be given only by the established Islamic judicial system, not by any individual, nor by any mob.

40 Do you not know that God's is the dominion over the heavens and the earth? He punishes whom He wills, and He forgives whom He wills. And God is Ever-Powerful over everything.

41 O messenger! Let not grieve you those who vie with one another in denying the truth; such as those who say with their tongues, 'We believe,' but (the fact is that) their hearts do not believe. And from among the Jews also, there are those who listen eagerly to any falsehood. They (come to you) to listen to you for others (i.e. their religious leaders) who do not come to you (out of pride and conceit). They (i.e. their leaders) take words out of their context (i.e. they distort the meaning of the revealed words), saying, 'If you are given this, accept it, but if this is not given to you, then beware!' (Be not grieved by them,) for whom God intends a trial - never will you have power to do anything for him against God. It is they - whose hearts - God is not willing to purify; for them there is disgrace in this world, and for them there is a tremendous punishment in the eternal life to come.

42 (They are eager) listeners of falsehood and the devourers of the forbidden. So if they come to you (for judgement, O prophet,) then either judge between them, or turn away from them. If you turn away from them, then never can they harm you at all. But if you judge, then judge between them with

justice. Indeed, God loves those who judge justly. 43 But how is it that they can ask you for judgement, while they (already) have with them the Torah, containing God's judgement, then they turn away even after that? (The fact about them is that) they are not (true) believers.

44 Indeed, We revealed the Torah, wherein was guidance and light. The prophets who had submitted themselves (to God) made judgements by it for the Jews, so did the rabbis and scholars, because they were entrusted to protect the Book of God (i.e. the Book of God was given in their care), and they were witnesses to it. So (O children of Israel,) do not fear people, but fear Me; and do not barter away my messages for a trifling gain. And whoever does not judge by what God has sent down, it is they who are the deniers of the truth. 45 And We ordained for them in the Torah, a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a nose for a nose, an ear for an ear, a tooth for a tooth, and a (similar) retribution for wounds; but he who waives it (charitably) will atone thereby for some of his past sins. And whoever does not judge in accordance with what God has revealed, then it is they who are the evildoers. 46 And in their foot-steps (i.e. in the foot-steps of earlier prophets) We sent Jesus - the son of Mary, confirming (the truth of) whatever there still remained of the Torah; and We gave him the Gospel, which contained guidance and light, and confirming (the truth of) whatever there still remained of the Torah, and a guidance and admonition for those who are God-conscious. 47 And let, then, the followers of the Gospel judge in accordance with what God has revealed therein. And whoever does not judge by what God has revealed, then it is they who are the rebellious.

48 And We have revealed to you (O prophet) this Book, setting forth the truth, and confirming the scriptures that came before it, and as a supreme authority on them. So judge between them by what God has revealed, and do not follow their (vain) desires over the truth that has come to you. For each of you We have prescribed a (code of) law and a way of

life. If God had so willed, He could have surely made you all one single community, but (He willed it otherwise) in order to test you by means of what He has given you, so compete then, (with one another) in doing good. To God you will all return, then He will inform you (of the truth) concerning that over which you used to differ.

49 So judge between them by what God has revealed, and do not follow their vain desires, and beware of them, lest they turn you away from some of what God has revealed to you. If they turn away (from His commandments), then know that it is but God's will (thus) to afflict them for some of their sins; for many among the people are rebellious indeed. 50 Is it, then, the judgement of (pre-Islamic) ignorance they seek (i.e. to be judged by the law of the pagan)? But who is better than God in judgement for people who firmly believe?

51 O you who have attained to faith! Do not take the Jews and the Christians for you allies. They are allies of one another. Whoever among you takes them as allies, will indeed be counted as one of them. Surely, God does not guide (such) evildoers. 52 You see those in whose hearts is a disease (i.e. the disease of hypocrisy) racing (to take) them allies, saying (in justification), 'We fear that a misfortune may strike us.' But God may bring about victory (for the believers), or some other decision from Himself. Then they will become regretful over what they concealed in their hearts. 53 Then those who have attained to faith will ask (one another), 'Are these the ones who swore by God their strongest oaths that they were indeed with you? Their deeds have become worthless, so they have become losers.

54 O you who have attained to faith! Whoever among you abandons his faith, (should know that) soon God will bring forth (in your stead) people whom He loves, and who will love Him, they will be kind towards the believers, but stern (i.e. firm and unyielding) towards those who deny the truth. They will strive hard in God's cause, and are never afraid of the reproach of any critic. That is the bounty of God, He grants it to whom

He wills; and God is All-Encompassing, All-Knowing. 55 Behold! Your (true) allies are only God and His messenger, and those who have attained to faith - those who are constant in prayer and render the purifying dues (i.e. Zakah), and they bow down (humbly before God). 56 And whosoever allies with God, and His messenger, and those who have attained to faith (must know that) it is the party of God that will certainly prevail.

57 O you who have attained to faith! Do not take for you allies who mock at your faith, and make a jest of it, be they from among those who were given the (divine) Book before you, or (from among) those who deny the truth (of revelation), but remain conscious of God, if you are (truly) believers. 58 And when you call (them) for prayer, they mock at it and make a fun of it. That is because they are a people who do not use their reason. 59 Say, 'O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! Do you resent us only because we believe in God; and in that which has been revealed to us as well as that which was revealed previously - while most of you are rebellious?' 60 Say, 'Shall I inform you of something much worse than that as recompense from God? Those whom God has condemned, and with whom He became angry, and He has turned some of them into apes and swine, and those who worshipped the powers of evil; these are far worse in position and farthest astray from the right path.'

61 And when they come to you, they say, 'We do believe,' but (in fact) they come (with the resolve) to deny the truth and leave in the same state. God knows best what they conceal. 62 And you can see many of them vie with one another in sinning and transgression, and (you can see) their devouring (what is) forbidden. Evil indeed is what they have been doing. 63 Why is it that their rabbis do not forbid them from making sinful assertions and from devouring what is forbidden? Evil indeed is what they do.

64 (Some among) the Jews say, 'God's hand is tight-fisted!' May their fists be tied and they be condemned for what they say! Rather, His hands are wide open, He bestows as He

wills. That which has been revealed to you from your Lord will surely increase in many of them in (their) rebellion and (their) denial of the truth. So We have cast among them enmity and hatred till the Day of Resurrection. Whenever they kindle the fire of war, God extinguishes it. And they strive on the earth for spreading corruption; but God does not like the spreaders of corruption.

65 If the followers of the (earlier divine) Book had but attained to (true) faith and God-consciousness, We would have certainly absolved them of their evil deeds, and would have admitted them into Gardens of bliss. 66 If they had truly observed the Torah and the Gospel, and (now) what has been revealed to them (in the form of the Quran) from their Lord, they would have surely consumed from above them and from below their feet (i.e. provision in abundance). Among them is a community (i.e. some people) who are on the right course; but as for most of them - evil (indeed) is what they do.

67 O messenger! Deliver (the message) which has been revealed to you from your Lord. If you do not do that, then you have not delivered His message. God will (certainly) protect you from the people. Indeed, God does not guide those who refuse to acknowledge the truth.

68 Say, 'O followers of the (earlier divine) Book! You have no ground to stand on unless you observe the Torah and the Gospel, and what has been revealed to you (now in the form of the Quran) from your Lord.' And (O messenger,) that which has been revealed to you from your Lord will surely increase many of them in rebellion and their denial of the truth. So do not grieve over those who deny the truth. 69 Indeed, those who attained to faith (in this divine Book); and those who were Jews, and the Sabians, and the Christians (before Prophet Muhammad), **whoever (among them truly) believed in God and the Last Day and did righteous deeds, they will have no fear, nor will they grieve (in the eternal life).**

Note: - The most important thing on behalf of a human being is discovering his True Lord and knowing His scheme about man, and living this life oriented to Him and His scheme. This is the person who will certainly succeed in the eternal life, because the success of post-death eternal life does not depend on social or cultural identity of man, whatsoever it may be.

70 Indeed, We took a covenant from the children of Israel and sent messengers to them. (But) every time a messenger came to them with a message that did not suit their desires, they gave the lie to some (of the messengers) and killed others. 71 They thought that there would be no consequences, so they became blind and deaf (of mind, in the matter of true faith). Yet God turned to them in forgiveness (after their repentance), but again many of them became blind and deaf. God sees all that they do.

72 **They have certainly denied the truth who say, 'God is the Christ - the son of Mary, WHILE THE CHRIST (HIMSELF) SAID, 'O CHILDREN OF ISRAEL! WORSHIP (THE ONE TRUE) GOD (ALONE); WHO IS MY LORD AS WELL AS YOUR LORD.'** In fact, he who associates partners with God, then God has certainly forbidden Paradise for him; and his abode will be the Fire. And there will be no helpers for the evildoers. 73 They have certainly denied the truth who say, 'God is one in a Trinity.' (But the eternal truth is that) there does not exist any deity except the One (True) God (i.e. there is none worthy of worship except Him alone). And if they do not desist from what they are saying, a painful punishment will surely afflict those of them who are bent on denying the truth.

74 Will they not then turn to God in repentance, and seek His forgiveness? For God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 75 **THE CHRIST - THE SON OF MARY, WAS NO MORE THAN A MESSENGER (OF GOD).** Many messengers had (come and) gone before him. His mother was a woman of truth. They both used to eat food (like other mortals). See how We make these messages clear to them; yet see how they are deluded (from the truth). 76 **SAY, 'HOW CAN YOU WORSHIP SOMETHING OTHER THAN GOD - THAT HAS NO POWER EITHER TO HARM OR TO BENEFIT YOU?** While it is God alone Who is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Note: - Nobody has the power to harm or benefit human being, except the True Lord. Then how can it be affordable for human being to worship other than the True Lord?

77 Say, 'O followers of (the earlier divine) Book! **DO NOT GO TO EXTREMES IN YOUR RELIGION (FOLLOWING) OTHER THAN THE TRUTH,** and do not (ever) follow the vain desires of those who went astray before (you). They led many (others) astray, and themselves strayed from the right path.'

Note: - This verse of the Quran clearly indicates that Islam (i.e. the revealed religion) is totally against extremism. The fact is that it is not Islam which teaches extremism, but it is some people who choose the path of extremism through their own interpretation (i.e. misinterpretation).

78 Those of the children of Israel who were bent on denying the truth were condemned by the tongue of David, and of Jesus - the son of Mary. That was because they rebelled (against God), and persisted in transgressing (the bound of what is right). 79 They would not forbid one another from doing the hateful things which they did. Evil indeed was that which they used to do. 80 (And now) you can see many of them taking as allies those who are bent on denying the truth! Evil indeed is that which their souls have sent ahead for themselves. (As a result) they have incurred the wrath of God, and they will abide in the torment forever. 81 For, if they had (truly) believed in God and the prophet, and in what has been revealed to him, they would have never taken those (deniers of the truth) as their allies. But most of them are defiantly disobedient.

82 You will surely find that the most hostile among people towards those who believe (in this divine Book) are the Jews and those who are bent on ascribing divinity to others besides (the One True) God; and you will surely find (that among people) the closest in affection towards believers are those who say, 'We are Christians.' That is because there are priests and monks among them; and they are not arrogant.

PART – 7 **83 AND WHEN THEY LISTEN TO WHAT HAS BEEN REVEALED TO THE MESSENGER, YOU CAN SEE THEIR EYES OVERFLOWING WITH TEARS, BECAUSE OF RECOGNIZING THE TRUTH.**

Note: - The true belief is based on the realization of the truth. When someone discovers the ultimate reality, the inner spirituality outbursts through eyes. Such discovery of the truth can never be like the output of superstitious things. Which is described in this verse is undoubtedly an outcome of realization of the truth.

They (who discover the truth) say, 'O our Lord! We have believed, so count us among those who bear witness (of the truth). 84 Why should we not believe in God and the truth that has come to us, while we long for our Lord to include us among the righteous?' 85 So God will reward them for what they said - with Gardens through which running waters flow, they will abide therein forever. Such is the reward of the (sincere) doers of good. 86 But those who are bent on denying the truth, and (bent on) giving the lie to Our messages, they are the inmates of the Hellfire.

87 O you who have attained to faith! Do not prohibit the good things which God has made lawful to you (i.e. do not deprive yourselves of the good things of life), and do not transgress (the bounds of what is right). Indeed, God does not like the transgressors. 88 And eat of whatever God has provided for you - lawful and good (things); and be conscious of God, the One in Whom you believe. 89 God will not call you to account for your oaths which (you may have uttered) without thought, but He will call you to account for your purposeful oaths which you have sworn. The expiation (for the breaking) of an oath is the feeding of ten needy people with such average food what you (normally) feed your own families, or by clothing them, or by freeing a human being from bondage. But whoever does not find the means (or does not afford it), then he will have to fast for three days. That is the expiation for (breaking) your oaths when you have sworn (them); but be mindful of your oaths. Thus God makes clear to you His messages, so that you may be grateful.

90 O you who have attained to faith! Intoxicants, and games of chance, and (sacrifices at) altars, and divining arrows are all abomination from the work of Satan. Therefore, refrain from it, so that you may be successful. 91 By means of intoxicants and games of chance - Satan seeks only to stir up hostility and hatred among you, and to turn you away from the remembrance of God, and from prayer. So will you not then abstain? 92 Obey God and obey the messenger, and be ever-

aware (against evil). But if you turn away, then know that upon Our messenger is only to clearly convey (the message). **93** There is no sin on those who have attained to faith and do righteous deeds for what they had consumed (of forbidden things in the past), but (the condition is) if they (now) are conscious of God, and (truly) believe, and (sincerely) do righteous deeds, and continue to be conscious of God and to believe, and grow ever more conscious of God and persevere in doing good, for God loves the (sincere) doers of good.

94 O you who have attained to faith! God will certainly test you through something of the game which may come within the reach of your hands and your spears, so that God may mark out those who are conscious of Him - even though (He is) Unseen. And whoever transgresses after that, then for him there is a painful punishment. **95** O you who have attained to faith! Do not kill any game when you are in Ihram (i.e. in the state of pilgrimage). Whoever of you kills it intentionally must compensate by offering its equivalent - as judged by two persons of probity from among you, (the forfeit) to be brought as an offering to the Kaabah; or else he may atone (for his sin) by feeding the poor, or the equivalent of that in fasting, (this is for) that he may taste the consequences of his deed. God forgives what is past, but whoever goes back (to offense), then God will take retribution from him. For God is Supreme in might, Ever-Capable to requite (the wrong).

96 It is permitted for you to hunt and eat seafood, as (a necessary) provision for you - (who are settled) as well as for travellers, but you are forbidden to hunt on the land while you are in the state of pilgrimage. Be conscious of God to Whom you will all be gathered. **97** God has made the Kaabah - the Inviolable House (of worship) - a secured sanctuary for all people, and also the sacred month (of pilgrimage), and the sacrificial animals - (offerings decorated with) garlands (by which they are identified). This is so that you may know that God is Ever- Aware of all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth, and that God has full knowledge of everything.

98 Know that God is Severe in retribution, and that God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 99 The duty of the messenger is only to deliver (the message clearly). And God (fully) knows what you reveal and what you conceal.

100 **SAY, 'THE EVIL AND THE GOOD ARE NOT EQUAL, EVEN IF THE ABUNDANCE OF EVIL MAY IMPRESS YOU.** Be, then, conscious of God, O you who are endowed with insight, so that you may be successful.'

101 O you who have attained to faith! Do not ask about things which, if they are made clear to you, would only cause you hardship. But if you ask about them while the Quran is being revealed, they will be made clear to you. God has pardoned you for it. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Forbearing. 102 Some people before your time indeed asked (about) such things; (but when they were disclosed to them,) then they became the deniers of the truth therein. 103 God has never appointed the (so-called) Bahirah or Saibah or Wasilah or Haam (these are the names given to animals, and they are liberated in honour of idols, as practiced by pagan Arabs). But those who are bent on denying the truth fabricate a lie against God, and most of them do not use their reason. 104 **AND WHEN IT IS SAID TO THEM, 'COME TO (THE GUIDANCE) WHAT GOD HAS SENT DOWN AND TO THE MESSENGER,' THEY REPLY, 'GOOD ENOUGH FOR US IS THAT UPON WHICH WE FOUND OUR FOREFATHERS PRACTICING.' WHAT! (WOULD THEY STILL FOLLOW THEM BLINDLY) EVEN IF THEIR FOREFATHERS HAD ABSOULTELY NO KNOWLEDGE (OF THE TRUTH), NOR WERE THEY GUIDED?** 105 O you who have attained to faith! You are

accountable only for yourselves. He - who goes astray can do you no harm when you are guided (on the right path). To God you will all return, then He will inform you of what you used to do.

106 O you who have attained to faith! When death approaches any of you, take the testimony of two persons of probity from among your own folk at the time of making a will, or if the calamity of death comes upon you while you are travelling in the land (far from home), take two other persons from (among people) other than your own (for the testimony). If you have any doubt (about their testimony), detain both of them after prayer, and let them both testify under oath, 'By God! We would never trade our testimony for any price, even in favour of (our) close relative, nor will we conceal the testimony of God. (If we broke our word,) then we would indeed be of the sinners.' 107 Then if it is found that those two were guilty (of false testimony), two others should rise up in their place, nearest in kin from among those who claim a lawful right over them (against the former two). Then they both should testify under oath (saying), 'By God! Our testimony is indeed truer than their testimony, and we have not transgressed (the bounds of what is right), otherwise, we would surely be of the evildoers.' 108 In this way it is more likely that witnesses will give testimony in its true form, or else they would fear that their oaths could be refuted by oaths of the others afterwards. Be, then, conscious of God and listen (obediently); for God does not guide those who are bent on disobeying. 109 (Be mindful of) the Day when God will gather the messengers and ask, 'What response did you receive (from the people)?' They will answer, 'We have no knowledge (of it compared to You). Indeed, You (alone) are the All-Knower of the unseen.'

110 (On the Day of Judgement) God will say, 'O Jesus - son of Mary! Remember the blessings of Mine upon you and upon your mother, how I strengthened you with the holy Spirit (i.e. the angel Gabriel), so you could speak to people in (your)

infancy and adulthood; and how I taught you the Book and wisdom, and the Torah and the Gospel; and (remember) how by My will you fashioned from clay in the shape of a bird, then you breathed into it, and by My will it became a (real) bird; and by My will you healed the blind and the lepers; and by My will how you brought the dead to life; and (remember) how I restrained the children of Israel from (harming) you when you came to them with clear evidence of the truth, then those who were bent on denying the truth among them said, 'This is nothing but clear sorcery.'

111 And (remember) when I inspired the disciples to believe in Me and My messenger! They said, 'We believe and bear witness that we have fully submitted ourselves (to Him).' 112 (And remember) when the disciples asked, 'O Jesus - son of Mary! Can your Lord send down to us a table spread (with delicious food) from the heaven?' Jesus answered, 'Remain conscious of God, if you are (truly) believers.' 113 They said, 'We (only) wish to eat from it to reassure our hearts; and we may know that you have certainly spoken the truth to us; and that we may be among those who bear witness thereof. 114 Jesus - the son of Mary, prayed, 'O God - our Lord! Send down upon us a table spread (with food) from the heaven, so that it may be a feast for us, and (it will be) as a sign from You - for our present and future generations. Provide for us (our sustenance), for You are the Best of providers.' 115 God answered, 'Indeed, I will send it down to you, but whosoever of you deny the truth after that; then indeed, I will punish him with a punishment the like of which I have never punished anyone in the world.

116 And (on the Day of Judgement) when God will ask, 'O JESUS - SON OF MARY! DID YOU EVER ASK THE PEOPLE, TAKE ME AND

MY MOTHER AS TWO DEITIES RATHER THAN GOD?' Jesus will answer, 'All Glory be to You! How could I ever say what I had no right to (say). If I had said such a thing, You would have certainly known it. YOU KNOW WHAT IS IN MY MIND, BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS IN YOUR MIND. Indeed, it is You (alone) are the All-Knower of the unseen.

Note: - This verse of the Quran is an introduction of the One True God. It shows the difference between God and man. It shows that God is infinite Great, He has infinite knowledge and power, whereas man is a helpless being.

117 I never told them anything except what you commanded me (to tell), that is, 'Worship God, (Who is) my Lord and your Lord.' And I was over them a witness as long as I remained among them; then when you raised me up, You (alone) have been the Watcher over them. You (alone) are the Witness to everything. **118** If You punish them, then indeed, they are Your servants; but if You forgive them, then indeed, You (alone) are the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. **119** God will say, 'This is the Day when the truthful will benefit from their truthfulness. For the truthful are Gardens through which running waters flow, they will abide therein beyond the count of time; well-pleased is God with them, and they are well-pleased with Him. That is the ultimate success. **120** God's is the dominion over the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is Ever-Powerful over everything.

SURAH–6. AL-AN'AAM

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - the One Who created the heavens and the earth, and made darkness and light. Yet those who are bent on denying the truth set up equals to their Lord. 2 It is He Who created you from clay, and then decreed a term (of life for you), and another term (for your resurrection) known only to Him - yet you continue to doubt. 3 He is (the only True) God in the heavens and the earth (i.e. there does not exist any deity in the entire universe except Him alone). He knows what you keep secret as well as what you disclose, and He knows whatever you do.

4 Yet whenever a sign from the signs of their Lord comes to them, they do nothing but turn away from it. 5 So they certainly gave the lie to (this) truth when it came to them, so they will soon face the consequences of what they used to ridicule. 6 Have they not seen how many generations (of deniers) We destroyed before them? We had established (them more firmly) in the land as We have not established you (i.e. they had been given a more bountiful place). Upon whom We sent down (the rain from) the heaven abundantly, and We made the rivers flow at their feet. Then We destroyed them for their sins, and raised up other generations after them (in their place).

7 And even if We had sent down to you a Book (written) on paper, and they had touched it with their own hands, those who are bent on denying the truth would still have said, 'This is nothing but clear sorcery (i.e. deception).' 8 And they ask, 'Why is it that a (visible) angel has not been sent down to him?' If We had sent down an angel, the matter would have certainly been settled (at once); then no respite would have ever been granted to them. 9 And (even) if We had sent an angel (as Our messenger), We would have certainly made him (appear as) a man - and We would have certainly put them in doubt in the same way they are now doubting. 10 And indeed, (many) messengers were mocked even before you (O prophet), but those who mocked at the messengers were overtaken by

that which they used to mock. 11 Say, 'Travel through the land and see how was the end of those who gave the lie to the truth.'

12 Ask (them), 'To whom belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth?' Say (to them), '(All belongs) to God (alone)' **HE HAS TAKEN IT UPON HIMSELF TO BE MERCIFUL.'** He will certainly gather (all of) you together on the Day of Resurrection, (the coming of which) is beyond all doubt. Yet those who have put their own selves into the (infinite) loss will never have faith.

Note: - If He, Who is Infinite Powerful, had not been Merciful, then no glimpse of mercy would have been found in the entire universe. But the fact is that we find His mercy everywhere. Even though He is Infinite Powerful, but He has chosen His way – the way of mercy. But this mercy is not blind mercy, that is why, this mercy is not for those who prove themselves defiantly disobedient.

13 (Although) His is all that dwells in the night and the day, and He (alone) is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. 14 Say, 'Shall I take as my protector someone other than God - the Originator of the heavens and the earth, while (it is) He Who feeds (all), but He is not fed by anyone?' Say, 'I have been commanded to be the first of those who submit (to Him), and not to be one of those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God.' 15 Say, 'I will never disobey my Lord, (because) I truly fear the torment of a tremendous Day.' 16 Whoever is spared from (the torment of) that Day, (it means) God has indeed bestowed (His) mercy on him. And that will be the absolute success. 17 **If God lets you touch an adversity, then there is no remover of it except He Himself. And if He lets you touch some good, then it is He (alone) Who is Ever-Powerful over everything.**

Note: - This is an introduction of the True Master of human being. The One Who is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.

18 For He (alone) holds (absolute) control over all His servants; and He (alone) is the Supremely Wise, the Ever-Aware. 19 Ask (them), 'Whose testimony is the greatest?' Say, 'God is (always) Witness between me and you. And this Quran has been revealed to me, so that I may warn you with it, and all whom it may reach.' Do you (idolaters) really bear witness that there are other deities with (the One True) God? Say, 'I will never bear (such) witness!' Say, 'There is only One God. And I totally reject whatever (false deities) you associate with Him!'

20 **THOSE TO WHOM WE GAVE THE (DIVINE) BOOK (EARLIER) RECOGNIZE THIS (QURAN TO BE DIVINE BOOK) AS THEY RECOGNIZE THEIR (OWN) SONS;** yet those (of them) who have put themselves into the loss will never believe.

Note: - It is not the ignorance which becomes an obstacle to accept the truth, but it is the arrogance of man which does not let him accept the truth, even though he realizes the truth.

21 And who is more unjust than he who fabricates a lie against God, or gives the lie to His messages? Indeed, the evildoers will never succeed. 22 (Be mindful of) the Day We will gather them all together, then We will say to those who associated others (with Us), 'Where, now, are your associated beings whom you claimed to be (Our) partners?' 23 Then they will have no argument except to say, 'By God - our Lord, we were never (of) those who ascribed divinity to others besides (the One True) God.' 24 See how they will lie about themselves. And all what they used to fabricate will vanish from them.

25 And among them are some who (pretend to) listen to your recitation (of the Quran), but over their hearts We have cast veils, so they do not understand it (i.e. the truth), and there is deafness in their ears (towards the message of the truth). Even if they were to see every sign (of the truth), they (still) would not believe in it. Even when they come to you and argue with you, those who are bent on denying the truth say (about the Quran), 'This is nothing but ancient fables!' 26 And they

hinder others from it (i.e. from the message of God), and they (themselves) keep away from it. (Thus) they destroy none but themselves, but they do not perceive it. 27 And if only you could see (them) when they will be made to stand before the Fire. They will cry, 'Oh! If only we could be sent back (to worldly life), then we would never give the lie to our Lord's messages, and we would (surely) be of the believers!' 28 But no! (They will only say this, because the truth) which they used to conceal before will have become all too clear to them. And even if they were sent back (to worldly life), they would surely return to what had been forbidden to them; they are indeed liars!

29 They (i.e. those who deny the truth) insist, 'There is nothing beyond our present life, and we will never be resurrected.' 30 And if only you could see (them) - when they are made to stand before their Lord. He will ask them, 'Is this (resurrection) not the truth? They will cry, 'Absolutely, by our Lord, it is.' He will say, 'Then taste the punishment because you used to refuse to acknowledge the truth!' 31 **INDEED, THEY HAVE PUT THEMSELVES INTO THE LOSS WHO CONSIDER IT A LIE THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO MEET GOD** – (they will continue to deny the Resurrection) till the Last Hour, which will come upon them all of sudden, (then) they will cry, 'Alas for us, that we neglected it!' For they will bear on their backs the burden (of their sins). Oh, how evil is (the burden) that which they will bear! 32 **AND THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD IS NOTHING BUT A PLAY AND PASSING DELIGHT (I.E. MOMENTARY ENJOYMENT);** but the (eternal) Home of the Hereafter is far better for those who are conscious of God. Will you not then use your reason?

33 Indeed, We know that what they say grieves you (O prophet). Behold, it is not you to whom they give the lie, but the evildoers deny the God's messages. 34 Certainly, (many) messengers were rejected (even) before you, but they remained steadfast on being rejected, and they were persecuted, until Our help came to them. There is none who can change (the outcome of) God's words (i.e. promises). And there have certainly come to you (some) accounts of those messengers (We sent before). 35 And if their turning away (from the truth) is unbearable for you, then if you are able to seek a tunnel into the earth, or (if you can make) a ladder into the sky in order to bring them a (compelling) sign, (then do so), but (remember that) if God had so willed, He could have indeed gathered them all to (His) guidance. So never be one of the ignorant. 36 Only those who listen (with the truth-seeking spirit) can respond (to your call). As for the dead, God will resurrect them, (and) then to Him they will all be returned.

37 And they say, 'Why is it that no (miraculous) sign has been sent down to him from his Lord?' Say, 'God is Ever-Powerful to send down any sign, but most of them are unaware (of the consequences).' 38 And there is no creature moving on the earth, nor a bird that flies with its wings, but are communities like yourselves. We have not missed in the Record anything (i.e. the Record refers to the preserved tablet in which God has written the destiny of His entire creation). Then to their Lord they will be gathered all together. 39 And those who give the lie to Our (messageful) signs are (wilfully) deaf and dumb - lost in darkness. Whomever God wills, He lets go astray; and whomever He wills, He sets him on the straight path.

40 Ask (them), 'What do you think, if there comes punishment upon you from God, or the Last Hour comes upon you, would you (then) call upon anyone other than God (for help)? (Answer that) if you are sincere (in your claims).' 41 In fact, it is Him alone that you would call upon, and if He willed, He could remove the affliction that made you invoke Him, and

then you would forget (those false deities) which you associate with Him (in His divinity).

42 And We did send (Our messengers) to (different) nations before you (O prophet,) **AND WE SEIZED THEM (FOR THEIR DENIAL) WITH ADVERSITY AND HARDSHIP, SO THAT THEY MAY HUMBLE THEMSELVES.** 43 Then why did they not humble themselves when the suffering from Us came to them? But rather their hearts grew hard, for Satan had made fair-seeming to them what they used to do.

Note: - A disaster comes to make people humble, but people do not take God as a cause behind the disaster, that is why they do not attain to the purpose of the disaster, whereas they start to find out the material reasons - i.e. the cause and effect, as a result, they do not get spiritual benefit from it.

44 So when they forgot what they were reminded of, We opened upon them the gates of all (good) things - until when they rejoiced in pride for what they were given, We seized them suddenly, and then they were plunged into despair. 45 So (in the end even the) the last trace of the people who had been bent on evildoing was wiped out. And all praise (and gratitude) is for (the One True) God (alone) - the Sustainer of all the worlds.

46 Ask (the deniers), 'What do you think, if God takes away your hearing and your sight, and set a seal on your hearts, (then) which deity is there other than (the One True) God - who could restore them to you?' See how We explain (Our) messages (to them) in different ways; yet they turn away. 47 Ask (them), 'What do you think, if the punishment from God were to come upon you, suddenly or manifestly (i.e. in a perceptible manner), (but then) would any be destroyed except the evildoing people?' 48 We send Our messengers only as bearers of glad tidings and as warners. So whoever believes and mends his ways, then there will be no fear on such people, nor will they grieve.

49 But as for those who give the lie to Our messages, the torment will afflict them for that they used to defiantly disobey. 50 Say (O prophet), 'I do not say to you that I possess God's treasures, nor (do I claim) that I know the unseen (realities), nor do I say to you that I am an angel. I only follow what is revealed to me (by God).' Say, 'Is the one who is blind (to the truth) equal to the one who can see? Will you not then reflect?' 51 Warn with this (Quran) those who fear that they will be gathered before their Lord - when there will be none to protect them from Him or to intercede with Him. (Warn them,) so that they may become conscious of Him.

52 And do not drive away those (poor believers) who invoke their Lord in the morning and in the evening, seeking only His goodly acceptance. You are not accountable for them in any way, nor or they accountable for you in any way. So if you drive them away, you would then be of the evildoers. 53 In this way We try some of them by means of others, so that they (i.e. the deniers) may say, 'Are these the ones (i.e. the poor believers) whom God has favoured out of all of us?' Does God not best recognize the grateful?

54 And when those who believe in Our messages come to you, say (to them), 'Peace be upon you! Your Lord has taken upon Himself to be merciful. Whoever of you does a bad deed out of ignorance, and then repents and mends his ways after that (i.e. begins to lead a righteous life), then He is indeed Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.' 55 And thus We explain (Our) messages (clearly), so that the path of the criminals may become distinct.

56 Say (to the deniers of the truth), 'Indeed, I have been forbidden to worship those (beings) whom you invoke instead of (the One True) God.' Say, 'I will not follow your vain desires (i.e. your errant views), for I would then go astray, and I would not be one of those who have found the right path.' 57 Say, 'Indeed, I stand on the clear evidence from my Lord, yet you have given the lie to it. What you seek to hasten is not within my power (i.e. the punishment). The judgement rests

with none but God. He declares the truth. And He is the Best of judges.' 58 Say, 'If I had in my power what you seek to hasten, surely the matter would have been settled (at once) between you and me. But God is fully Aware of the evildoers.' 59 With Him are the keys of the unseen - no one knows them except Him. And He knows all that is in the land and sea; **NOT EVEN A LEAF FALLS WITHOUT HIS KNOWELDGE, NOR A GRAIN IN THE EARTH'S DEEP DARKNESS, OR ANYTHING - GREEN OR DRY - BUT IS WRITTEN IN A PERFECT RECORD.**

Note: - Who can be such a knower other than the True Master of the universe.

60 It is He Who causes you to be (like) dead at night, and He knows in what you indulge during daytime. Then He makes you rise again therein, so that (your) appointed term may be fulfilled. To Him is your (ultimate) return, then He will inform you of what you used to do. 61 He (alone) holds (absolute) control over all His servants, and He sends forth heavenly forces (i.e. angels) to watch over you until, when death approaches any of you, Our messengers (i.e. angels of death) cause him to die; and they do not fail (in their duties). 62 **THEN THEY WILL ALL BE RETURNED TO GOD - THEIR TRUE LORD.** Undoubtedly, judgement belongs to Him (alone). And He is the Swiftest of all reckoners.

63 Say, 'Who is it that saves you from the dark dangers of land and sea (when) you call out to Him humbly and secretly (promising), 'If He rescues us from this (distress), we will most

certainly be among the grateful.'?' 64 Say, 'It is God (alone) Who rescues you from it and from every distress; yet you associate others with Him (in His divinity). 65 Say, 'He (alone) is Ever-Capable to send upon you torment from above you or from beneath your feet, or split you into (conflicting) factions, and make you taste the violence of one another.' See how We explain (Our) messages (in different ways), so that they may understand (the truth). 66 Still your people have given the lie to this (Quran), although it is the truth. Say (then), 'I am not a guardian over you (i.e. I am not accountable for your conduct).' 67 Every matter has a term set (by God, for its fulfilment); and you will soon come to know (the truth).

68 And when you come across those who ridicule Our messages, then turn away from them until they engage in another discourse. If Satan causes you to forget, then once you remember, do not (continue to) sit with (such) evildoing people. 69 Those who are conscious of God are in no way accountable for those (who ridicule Our messages), their duty is only to admonish (the misguided ones), so that they may become conscious of God. 70 And leave (alone) those who take their religion as mere play and amusement, and (they are) deluded by the life of this world. Yet (continue to) remind with this (Quran), lest a human being be destroyed for whatever (wrong) he/she has done, and will have none to protect him from God, and none to intercede for him; and if he were to offer every (possible) ransom, it would never be accepted from him. Such are those who will be given to destruction for what they have earned (of evil deeds). For them will be a drink of boiling water, and a painful punishment because of (their persistent) refusal to acknowledge the truth.

71 Ask (them), 'Should we invoke, instead of (the One True) God - something that can neither benefit us, nor harm us; and (should we) turn back (to denial of the truth) after God has guided us? - Just like the one whom satans have tempted in the land leaving him bewildered, (while) he has companions calling him to guidance, saying, 'Come to us (here is the right

path).' Say, 'Indeed, God's guidance is the (only true) guidance; so we have been commanded to submit ourselves to the Lord of the universe, 72 and to be constant in prayer and conscious of Him. And it is He (i.e. your True Lord) to Whom you will all be gathered.' 73 And it is He Who created the heavens and the earth in accordance with the truth, and on the Day (of Resurrection) when He says, 'Be,' and it will be (i.e. it will come into existence). His word is the truth; and His is the dominion on the Day when the trumpet (of Resurrection) is blown. He is the All-Knower of the unseen and the seen. And He is the Supremely Wise, the Ever-Aware. 74 **AND (REMEMBER) WHEN ABRAHAM SAID TO HIS FATHER - AAZAR, 'DO YOU TAKE IDOLS AS DEITIES? I SEE YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE TO BE IN A MANIFEST ERROR.'** 75 And thus We showed Abraham (Our) dominion of the heavens and the earth, so that he may be of those who are certain (in faith). 76 So when the night covered him, he saw a star, (and) he said, 'This is my lord!' But when it set, he said, 'I do not like the things that set.' 77 Then when he saw the moon rising, he said, 'This is my lord.' But when it set, he said, **'Unless my (True) Lord guides me, I will certainly be one of the misguided people.'** 78 Then when he saw the sun rising, he said, 'This is my lord! This one is the greatest (of all)!' But when it set, he said, 'O my people! I totally reject whatever (false deities) you associate (with the One True God in His divinity). 79 Indeed, I have turned my face towards the One Who originated the heavens and the earth, having turned away from all that is false; and I am not of those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God.'

80 And his people argued with him. He said, 'Do you argue with me about God, while He has guided me? But I do not fear any partner you associate with Him, (for none can harm me,)

unless my Lord so wills. My Lord encompasses all things in His knowledge; will you not then be mindful? 81 And why should I fear your associates deities, while you do not have any fear in associating (others) with God - a practice He has never authorized? (Tell me,) if you really know which of the two parties has more right to feel secure. 82 Those who attain to faith, and do not tarnish their faith with wrongdoing, it is they who will be secure, and it is they who are rightly guided.' 83 And this was Our argument which We gave Abraham against his people, (for) We do raise in ranks whomever We will. Indeed, your Lord is Supremely Wise, All-Knowing.

84 And We bestowed to him Isaac and Jacob; and We guided each (of them) as We had previously guided Noah; and those among his descendants: David, and Solomon, and Job, and Joseph, and Moses, and Aaron; and this is how We reward those who do good with excellence. 85 Likewise (We guided) Zachariah, and John, and Jesus, and Elijah - every one of them was of the righteous. 86 (We also guided) Ishmael, and Elisha, and Jonah, and Lot - everyone of them did We favour over all other people (of their times). 87 And (We exalted likewise) some of their forefathers, and their descendants, and their brothers. We chose them, and guided them to the straight path. 88 That is God's guidance with which He guides whomever He wills of His servants. But if they had associated partners with God, all that they used to do would have become worthless for them (i.e. their good deeds would have been wasted). 89 Those were the ones to whom We gave the (divine) Book, and wisdom, and prophethood. But if these people (of Makkah) refuse (to acknowledge the truth) in it, (know that) We have already entrusted it to a people who will never refuse to acknowledge it. 90 Those were the ones (i.e. previous prophets) to whom God guided, so (O Muhammad!) follow their guidance. Say, 'I do not ask you for any recompense (for this message). It is but a reminder for all mankind.'

91 **THEY DID NOT APPRAISE GOD WITH HIS TRUE APPRAISAL,** when they said, 'God did not reveal anything to any human being.' Say, 'Who then revealed the Book brought forth by Moses as a light and guidance for people, which you split into separate sheets, disclosing (some of it) and concealing much (of it)? And you have been taught (through this Quran) what you did not know, neither you, nor your forefathers.' Say, 'God (revealed it).' Then leave them to amuse themselves in their (false) discourse. 92 This (too) is a blessed Book which We have sent down - confirming what came before it, so that you may warn (the people of) the mother of cities (i.e. Makkah) and all those around it. Those who believe in the life to come, do believe in this (warning); and (it is) they who are ever-mindful of their prayers.

93 And who is more unjust than the one who fabricates a lie against God, or claims, 'It has been revealed to me,' while nothing has been revealed to him. Or the one who says, 'I can reveal the like of what God has revealed.' If only you could see when the evildoers are in the agonies of death, and the angels are stretching out their hands, (saying,) 'Discharge your souls! Today you will be recompensed with a humiliating punishment for what you used to say about God other than the truth, and for being arrogant towards His messages. 94 (God will say,) 'Now you have come back to Us all alone, as We created you the first time - leaving behind all that We had bestowed upon you (in your lifetime), and We do not see with you your intercessors - whom you claimed to be partners with God in (managing) your affairs. In fact, all ties between you (and your earthly life) have been severed (now), and all that you presumed has totally failed you.

95 It is God Who causes the seed and fruit-stone to sprout. He brings forth the living from the dead, and brings forth the dead from the living. Such is (the True) God. So how can you be deluded (from the truth)? 96 (He is) the One Who causes the dawn to break, and He has made the night for rest, and (made)

the sun and the moon for reckoning. That is the measure determined by the Supremely Mighty, and the All-Knowing. 97 It is He Who has made for you the stars, so that you may be guided by them in the darkness of land and sea. We have made clear the messages for people who have knowledge (i.e. who are sincere to know the truth).

98 It is He Who brought you (all) into being from a single person (i.e. Adam), then (gave you) a place of dwelling and a resting place. Indeed, We have made clear the messages for people who understand (i.e. who can grasp the truth). 99 It is He Who sends down rain from the sky - causing all kinds of plants to grow - then We produce from it greenery, from which We bring forth clustered grains. And from the palm trees - from its sheath We produce bunches of dates hanging within reach. (There are) also gardens of grapes, and olives, and the pomegranates, (all) so alike, yet so different (in taste)! Look at its fruit when it bears fruit, and at its ripening. Indeed, in all this there are (messageful) signs for those who believe.

100 Yet they regard the jinn-beings as partners of God (in His divinity), although it is He Who created them (all); and they falsely attribute sons and daughters to Him out of ignorance. All Glory be to Him, and (He is) Exalted far above what they ascribe (to Him).

101 (HE IS) THE ORIGINATOR OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH! HOW COULD HE HAVE A SON WHEN HE HAS NO FEMALE-COMPANION, (SINCE) IT IS HE WHO CREATED EVERYTHING, AND HE ALONE KNOWS EVERYTHING? 102 SUCH IS GOD - YOUR (TRUE) LORD, THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM. (HE IS) THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING; SO WORSHIP HIM (ALONE). FOR HE

IS THE MAINTAINER OF EVERYTHING. 103 **NO VISION CAN ENCOMPASS HIM, WHEREAS HE ENCOMPASSES ALL VISION**, for He (alone) is the unfathomable, the Ever-Aware. 104 (O prophet, say to them,) 'Indeed, there has come to you an enlightenment (i.e. a means of insight) from your Lord (through this heavenly Book). **Now, whoever chooses to be sighted (concerning the truth), it is for his own good; but whoever chooses to remain blind (concerning the truth), it is to his own loss.** And (say to the blind of mind,) 'I am not a guardian over you (i.e. I am not accountable for your conduct).'

105 And this is how We explain (Our) messages (in different ways to the extent) that they (i.e. the deniers) will say, 'You have studied (previous Scriptures),' and We make it clear (that this Quran is the truth) for those who have knowledge (i.e. who are eager to know the truth). 106 Follow (O prophet), what has been revealed to you from your Lord; there does not exist any deity except Him, and ignore those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God. 107 And if God had so willed, they would not have associated partners with Him. And We have not appointed you a guardian over them, nor are you a taskmaster for them. 108 **AND (O BELIEVERS!) DO NOT REVILE THOSE (BEINGS) WHOM THEY INVOKE INSTEAD OF (THE TRUE) GOD, LEST THEY REVILE GOD OUT OF HOSTILITY AND IGNORANCE.** Thus We have made appealing to every community their deeds. Thereafter, to their Lord will be their return, then He will inform them of what they used to do.

109 And they swear by God their most earnest oaths that if a (miraculous) sign came to them, they would certainly believe in this (divine Book). Say, 'The signs are in the power of God alone. And what will make you realize that even if it (i.e. a miraculous sign) came (to them), they would (still) not believe? 110 And We will turn away their hearts and eyes (from the truth), just as they refused to believe in it the first time. And (so) We will leave them in their transgression, wandering blindly.

PART – 8 111 Even if We had sent down to them angels, and made the dead speak to them, and (even if) We had gathered every sign in front of them, they would (still) not have believed - unless God (so) willed. But most of them behave ignorantly.

112 And thus We have made for every prophet enemies - the evil forces from among mankind and jinn-kind, inspiring to one another with decorative speech through deception. But if your Lord had willed, they would not have done it, so leave them (alone) and that which they forge, 113 in order that the hearts of those who do not believe in (post-death) eternal life may incline towards it (i.e. towards the deceptive speech), and that they may be pleased with it, and that they may earn (of evil) whatever they can.

114 (Say,) 'Should I seek a judge other than God, when it is He Who has sent down to you the Book (with the truth) - perfectly explained. Those to whom We gave the Book (earlier) know that this one (too) has been sent down from your Lord with the truth, so never be one of those who doubt. 115 And the word of your Lord has been perfected in truth and justice. None can change His words. **HE (ALONE) IS THE ALL-HEARING, THE ALL-KNOWING.**

Note: - This is an introduction of the True Creator - the Creator of everything. He alone is All-Hearing, All-Seeing, All-Knowing.

116 And if you were to obey the majority of those (who live) on earth, they would mislead you from the path of God. They follow nothing but assumptions, and do nothing but lie.

Note: - The only source of truth is the True God Himself, not the majority, nor the assumptions of those people who mislead others with the play of words.

Those who want to know the truth must refer the guidance of God, not anything else.

117 Indeed, your Lord knows best who strays from His path, and He knows best those who are (rightly) guided.

118 So eat only of that (permitted animal's meat) over which God's name has been mentioned (while slaughtering), if you (truly) believe in His messages. 119 And why should you not eat of what is slaughtered in God's name, while He has so clearly explained to you what He has forbidden you (to eat), unless you are compelled by extreme necessity (to do so)? And there are many (deviants) who certainly lead (others) astray by their vain desires without (having any real) knowledge. Indeed, your Lord is fully Aware of those who transgress (the bounds of what is right). 120 Shun all sin, be it open or secret, (for,) indeed, those who commit sin, they will soon be recompensed for what they used to commit. 121 And do not eat of that (meat) over which God's name has not been mentioned (while slaughtering), for that would certainly be a sinful conduct. Surely, the devils inspire their (human) associates to dispute with you (O believers), and if you obeyed them, then, you (too) would surely be of those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God.

122 (And) is he who was dead, then We gave him life (by faith) and gave him a light, with which he walks among people (is then he) like the one who is in utter darkness - he can never come out of it? Thus the misdeeds of deniers of the truth have been made fair-seeming to them. 123 Thus in every town We

have placed some sinful leaders who always make evil plans there; and in no way do they plot against anyone except themselves; but they do not perceive (it). 124 Whenever a (messageful) sign comes to them, they say, 'We will never believe in it, until we are given the like of what God's messengers were given!' (But) God knows best where to place (i.e. upon whom to bestow) His message. Those who committed evil-deeds will soon be afflicted with disgrace from God; and a severe torment (will befall them) for what they used to plot.

125 So, whomsoever God wills to guide, He makes his bosom wide open for Islam (i.e. total submission to Him). But whomsoever He wills to let go astray, He makes his bosom to be tight and constricted as though he were climbing up into the sky. And thus God inflicts (spiritual) ignominy upon those who refuse to believe. 126 This is the path of your Lord, (leading) straight. Indeed, We have clearly spelled out (these) messages for people (who are willing to) take admonition. 127 For them there is the Home of peace (i.e. eternal Paradise) with their Lord. And He will be their Protector because of what they used to do.

128 (Be mindful of) the Day He will gather them (all) together, (He will say,) 'O assembly of (evil) jinn-beings! Certainly, you misled many of mankind.' And their friends among mankind will say, 'O our Lord! We benefited from one another, (but now) we have reached (the end of) our term - the term which You did appoint for us.' (Then) He will say, 'The Fire is your abode, wherein you will abide forever - except what God wills.' Indeed, your Lord is Supremely Wise, All-Knowing. 129 And this is how We make the evildoers companions of one another, because of what they used to do. 130 (They will be asked by God,) 'O assembly of jinn-beings and human beings! Did there not come to you the messengers from among yourselves, reciting My messages to you, and warning you of the meeting of this Day of yours?' They will answer, 'We do bear witness against ourselves!' For the life of

this world had deluded them, and they will bear witness against themselves that they had been denying the truth.

131 This (sending of the messengers) is because your Lord never destroys the towns for their evildoing, while their people are unaware (about the creation plan of God).

132 (In the Hereafter) for all people, there are ranks according to their deeds. And your Lord is never unaware of what they do. 133 Your Lord (alone) is Self-Sufficient, the Source of (infinite) mercy. If He so wills, He can take you away, and thereafter cause whom He wills to succeed you, just as He raised you from the descendants of other people. 134 Indeed, whatever you are promised (i.e. the Doomsday) is bound to come, and you cannot frustrate (God's plan)! 135 Say, 'O my people (who deny the truth)! Persist in your ways, for I (too) will persist in mine. Soon you will come to know who will have for himself the (best) home in the end.' Indeed, the evildoers will never succeed.

136 They assign to God a share of the crops and cattle He created, and say, 'This (portion) is for God,' as they (falsely) claim, 'And this (one) is for our associate-gods.' But that which is assigned for associate-gods does not reach God, while that which is assigned for God reaches their associate-gods. Evil (indeed) is what they judge. 137 Similarly, to many of those who associate partners with God, their associated deities have made pleasing - the killing of their own children, in order to lead them to destruction, and cause confusion to them in their faith. Had it been God's will, they would not have done such a thing. So leave them and (remain aloof from) what they fabricate.

138 And they say, 'These cattle and crops are forbidden, none may eat them except those whom we permit.' According to their claim (i.e. they declare that) there are (certain types of) cattle whose backs are forbidden (for riding or loading), there are (some) cattle over which they do not mention God's name (while slaughtering), thus (they) fabricate a lie against Him. (But) He will soon recompense them for what they used to fabricate. 139 They (also) say, 'What is in the bellies of these

cattle is exclusively for our males, and forbidden to our females. But if it is stillborn, then all of them will have a share in it (i.e. males and females both can eat from it). He will soon punish them for their (false) attribution (to Him). Indeed, He is Supremely Wise, All-Knowing. 140 Losers indeed are those who kill their own children foolishly out of ignorance, and prohibit what God has provided for them - fabricating lies against God. Certainly, they have gone astray, and they are not rightly guided.

141 It is He Who produces gardens, (both) trellised and untrellised (i.e. cultivated and wild) - and the palm trees, and crops of different flavours, and olives and pomegranates - (some) similar to one another and (some) dissimilar. Eat of its fruit when it bears fruit, and give (to the poor) its due on the day of its harvest, but do not be wasteful; indeed, He does not like those who are wasteful. 142 And of the cattle some are fit for labour, others are too small (i.e. goats and sheep are good for meat, milk, hide, etc.). Eat of what God has provided for you (as sustenance), and do not ever follow Satan's footsteps. He is your truly sworn enemy (i.e. Satan is none but your enemy). 143 (God has created four pairs, they are) eight (in four) pairs - two of the sheep, and two of the goats. Ask (them), 'Is it the two males that He has forbidden, or the two females, or that which the wombs of two females contain? Inform me on the basis of (some certified) knowledge, if what you say is true,' 144 and a pair of camels and a pair of oxen. Ask (them), 'Is it the two males that He has forbidden, or the two females, or that the wombs of the two females contain? Or were you present when God enjoined (all) this upon you? Then who is more unjust than he who fabricates a lie against God in order to mislead people without (any real) knowledge? Indeed, God does not guide (such) evildoing people.' 145 Say (O prophet), 'I do not find, in what has been revealed to me, anything (out of the cattle under discussion) forbidden for anyone who eats it, except that it be carrion (i.e. the meat of the dead), or blood poured forth, or the flesh of swine - for, indeed, it is impure, or

a sinful offering over which any name other than God's has been invoked. But whoever is compelled (by necessity), neither coveting it, nor exceeding (his immediate need), then (know that) your Lord is indeed Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.'

146 And We forbade the Jews all (animals) that have undivided hooves; and We forbade them the fat of both oxen and sheep, except what adheres to their backs, or their intestines, or what is mixed with bone, thus did We recompense them for their rebellion. And We are certainly truthful. 147 But if they give you the lie (O prophet), then say, 'Your Lord is the Possessor of all-encompassing mercy; but His wrath cannot be averted from the sinful people.'

148 Those who are bent on associating partners with God will say, 'If God had willed, we would not have associated partners (with Him), nor would our forefathers (have done so); nor would we have declared as forbidden anything (that He has allowed).' Even so did those who lived before them give the lie to the truth, (they kept giving the lie) until they came to taste Our wrath. Say, 'Do you have any (certain) knowledge, then produce it before us? (But the fact regarding you is that) you follow nothing but (false) assumptions, and you do nothing but lie.' 149 Say, '(Know) then that the final evidence (of the truth) rests with God (alone). If He had (so) willed, He could have easily imposed guidance upon all of you.' 150 Say (O prophet), 'Bring forward your witnesses who can bear witness that God has forbidden (all) this!' And if they bear witness (falsely), then do not bear witness with them. And do not follow the desires of those who give the lie to Our messages, nor (the desires) of those who do not believe in the (post-death) eternal life, and set up (others as) equals with their Lord.

151 Say, 'Come, let me tell (you) what your Lord has (really) forbidden to you. (He commands you,) do not associate anything with Him, (and do not fail to) do good to your parents; and do not kill your children for fear

of poverty; We provide (sustenance) for you as well as for them; and do not approach immoral deeds, be they open or secret; and do not take any human being's life - (the life) which God has forbidden (to be killed), except in (the pursuit of) justice. This is what He commands you, so that you may use your reason.

152 Do not approach the orphan's wealth, except in the fairest manner (i.e. intending to enhance it) - until he reaches maturity.'

And (in your all dealings) give full measure and weight according to justice. We never burden any human being beyond his capacity. Whenever you voice an opinion, be just even though it be (against) a close relative. And (always) observe your bond with God, this is what He commands you, so that you may keep it in mind. 153 And (He has enjoined) that this is the path leading straight to Me, so follow it, and do not follow other paths, lest they lead you away from His path. (All) this He has enjoined upon you, so that you may become conscious of Him.

154 Moreover, We had given Moses the (divine) Book, completing (Our favour) upon the one who (sincerely) do good, explaining everything clearly, and (thus providing) guidance and grace, so that they may be certain of the meeting with their Lord. 155 And this (Quran) too, is a (divine) Book which We have revealed - (which is) blessed one, so follow it, and be conscious of God, so that you may be graced with (His) mercy. 156 (It has been revealed to you,) lest you say, 'The (divine) Book was only revealed to two groups before us, and we were indeed unaware of their teachings.' 157 Or lest you say, 'If the (divine) Book had been revealed upon us, we would surely have been more rightly-guided than they.' So a clear evidence (of the truth) has now come to you from your Lord (i.e. the Quran), and (it is) guidance and grace. Who, then, could be more unjust than one who gives the lie to God's messages, and

turns away from them (in disdain)? We will recompense those who turn away from Our messages with the worst (kind of) punishment, because of their turning away!

158 Are they awaiting only the coming of the angels, or your Lord (Himself) to appear before them, or some of your Lord's signs to appear before them? On the Day when some of the signs of your Lord will appear, believing (then) will not benefit any human being who did not believe before (its coming), or who did not do any good by his faith. Say (to them), 'Wait (then for the Last Day), indeed, we too are waiting.'

159 Indeed, those who have split up their religion and become sects - you (O prophet) are not responsible for them. Their case rests with God (alone), and He will inform them about what they used to do. 160 Whoever comes (on the Day of Judgement) with a good deed, then he will be rewarded tenfold, but whoever comes with an evil deed will only be recompensed with the like of it; and they will never be wronged.

161 Say, 'Indeed, as for myself, my Lord has guided me to the straight path, a religion (truly) upright - the way of Abraham - the upright (i.e. who turned away from all that is false). And Abraham was not of those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God.' 162 **Say, 'Indeed, my prayer and my sacrifice (i.e. my all acts of worship, even) my living and my dying are for God (alone) - the Sustainer of all the worlds.**

163 **IN HIS DIVINITY NONE HAS A SHARE,** this is what I have been commanded; and I am the first of those who submit themselves to Him.' 164 Say, 'Should I seek a lord other than (the One True) God, while He is the Lord of everything?' **And no human being earns (evil)**

except against himself, and no bearer of burden will bear the burden of another (i.e. the burden of sins). Then to your Lord - you will return, then He will inform you (the reality) of what you used to differ. 165 It is He Who has made you successors (of others) on earth, and has exalted some of you over the others in ranks, so that He may test you in what He has given you. Indeed, your Lord is swift in retribution; and surely He is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

SURAH–7. AL-A'ARAAF

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Meem, Saad. 2 (This is) a (divine) Book revealed to you (O prophet), so let there be no uneasiness about this in your heart, (this Book has been revealed to you), so that you may warn people with it, and (it is) a reminder to the believers.

3 Follow, (O mankind!) what has been revealed to you from your Lord, and follow no protectors other than Him. Little is that you take heed! 4 How many towns We have destroyed (whose inhabitants were rebellious)! The punishment from Us came to the town (by surprise) at night, or while they were taking midday rest. 5 So, when punishment from Us came upon them, then their only cry was, 'Indeed, we were evildoers.' 6 Then We will certainly call to account those to whom (Our message) was sent, and We will certainly call to account the message-bearers (themselves). 7 Then We will certainly narrate (their doings) to them with Our knowledge, (because) We were never absent (from them). 8 The weighing (of deeds) on that Day will be just. As for those whose weight (of good deeds) will be heavy - it is they who will be the successful. 9 But as for those whose weight (of good deeds) will be light - it is they who have put themselves into (great) loss, because they used to do injustice to Our messages!

10 (O mankind,) We have indeed given you a (bountiful) place on earth, and made for you therein (means of) livelihood (i.e. established for you the life support system). (Yet) little do you thank (Us)! 11 Certainly, We created you, then fashioned you. Then We said to the angels, 'Prostrate yourselves before Adam!' So they (all) prostrated themselves, except Iblees. He did not join those who prostrated themselves. 12 God asked, 'What prevented you from prostrating yourself when I commanded you to?' Answered Iblees, 'I am better than Adam. You created me from fire, whereas You created him from clay.' 13 God said, 'Then get down from here (i.e. from the premises of Paradise), for it is not for you to show arrogance here! So get out (from here); indeed, you are of the disgraced.' 14 Then Iblees appealed (to God) 'Grant me a respite till the Day when all will be resurrected.' 15 (And God) replied, 'Indeed, you are of those granted respite.' 16 (Whereupon Iblees) said, 'Because You have caused me to go astray, I will certainly lie in wait for them on Your straight path. 17 **Then I will certainly come upon them from their front, and from their back, and from their right, and from their left; and You will find most of them ungrateful.**

Note: - This is the resolution of Satan against man. That is why man must always remain alert against his sworn enemy.

18 (And God) said, 'Get out from here, disgraced and expelled! I will certainly fill up Hell with you and those among them who follow you all together.'

19 And (as for you), O Adam! 'Dwell you and your wife in the Paradise, and eat, both of you, from wherever you wish, but do not approach this (one) tree, lest you become evildoers.' 20 Then Satan tempted them (by whispering to them) in order to make them conscious of that which had been hidden from them of their shameful parts; and he said, 'Your Lord has only forbidden to you (to approach) this tree, lest you become (as) angels, or lest you live forever (i.e. lest you become of the

immortals).' 21 And he swore to both of them, 'I am truly your well-wisher!'

22 Thus Satan misled both of them through deception. But as soon as they (both) tasted (the fruit) of the tree, their shameful parts appeared to them, so they began covering themselves with some leaves of the Paradise. Then their Lord called out to them, 'Did I not forbid you from that tree; and did I not tell you that Satan is your sworn enemy?' 23 Both of them replied, 'O our Lord! We have sinned against ourselves, unless You grant us forgiveness, and bestow Your mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers. 24 (God said), 'Go down (from here) as enemies to one another (i.e. some of you would be enemies of some others). And for you on the earth is a dwelling place and livelihood for an (appointed) time.' 25 He added, 'There you will live, and there you will die, and from there you will be raised again (on the Day of Resurrection).'

26 O children of Adam (i.e. O mankind)! Indeed, We have sent down to you garment to cover your shameful parts, and as an adornment. However, the garment of God-consciousness is the best of all. That is one of the (messageful) signs of God, so that people may take heed. 27 O children of Adam (i.e. O mankind)! Let not Satan seduce you, as he (by the way of seduction) caused your parents to be expelled from the Paradise, and he caused their garments to be removed in order to make them aware of their shameful parts. Indeed, he sees you, he and his tribe, from where you cannot see them. Indeed, We have made the devils friends of those who do not believe.

28 And when they commit a shameful act (i.e. idolaters used to circumambulate the Kaabah while naked), they say, 'We found our forefathers doing it; and God has commanded us to do it.' Say, 'Indeed, never does God command (to do any) shameful act. How can you attribute to God something of which you have no knowledge?' 29 Say, 'My Lord has commanded (to do what is) just, and that (He has also commanded you to) turn your faces up towards Him (alone) at every (time and) place of worship, and invoke Him - being

sincere towards Him in faith. Just as He first brought you into being, so you will be brought back to life.' 30 (Of the people) a group He has guided, while another group deserved to be in error. Indeed, they take the devils as their patrons, instead of God, while they think that they are (rightly) guided.

31 O children of Adam (i.e. O mankind)! Dress yourself properly whenever you are at worship. Eat and drink, but do not be wasteful. Indeed, God does not like those who are wasteful. 32 Say, 'Who has forbidden the adornments which God has brought forth for His servants, and the good things of sustenance?' **Say, 'They are (lawful) for the believers in the life of this world, but exclusively for them on the Day of Resurrection.'** Thus We explain these messages for people who (want to) know. 33 Say, 'My Lord has only forbidden immoral deeds, be they open or secret, and (every kind of) sinful act and wrongful oppression, and that you ascribe divinity to others besides God - a practice He has never authorized, and that you attribute to God anything about which you do not have any (sure) knowledge.'

34 And for every nation is an (appointed) term. And when (the end of) their term arrives, they will not be able to postpone it for a single moment, nor can they advance it. 35 O children of Adam (i.e. O mankind)! If messengers come to you from among yourselves, reciting My messages to you, then whoever becomes conscious of Me and mends his ways, then there will be no fear on such people (in the eternal life), nor will they grieve. 36 But those who give the lie to Our messages and show arrogance towards them, those will be the inmates of the Fire, they will abide in it forever.

37 Then who is more unjust than he who fabricates a lie against God, or give the lie to His messages? Those will attain their portion of the decree (in the present life) until, when there will come to them Our angel-messengers to cause them to die, (and) they will ask, 'Where, now, are those beings whom you

used to invoke besides (the One True) God?' (Those sinners) will answer, 'They have lost from us!' And (thus) they will bear witness against themselves that they were deniers of the truth.

38 God will say, 'Enter the Fire along with the (evil) groups of jinn beings and human beings that preceded you.' Whenever a group enters Hell, it will curse the preceding one until they are all gathered inside, the followers will say about their leaders, 'O our Lord! It is they who had led us astray; so multiply their torment in the Fire.' God will answer, 'It has already been multiplied for all, but you do not know it.' 39 Then the leaders will say to their followers, 'You have no advantage over us. So taste the torment for what you used to do.'

40 Indeed, those who give the lie to Our messages and show arrogance towards them, the gates of heaven will not be opened for them, nor will they enter Paradise until a camel passes through the eye of a needle (i.e. it is totally impossible for them to enter into Paradise). Thus do We recompense the sinners. 41 Hell will be their resting place, and over them will be coverings (of Fire, i.e. their beds and their coverings both will be of the Fire). Thus do We recompense the evildoers. 42 But those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds; (and) We never burden any human being with more than he can bear; it is they who will be the inhabitants of Paradise; they will abide in it forever. 43 And We will remove whatever malice is within their hearts (permanently). Running waters will flow at their feet, and they will say, 'All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - Who has guided us to this (destination), **FOR WE WOULD HAVE NEVER FOUND THE RIGHT PATH UNLESS GOD HAD GUIDED US!'** Our Lord's messengers had certainly come with the (message of) the truth. Then they will be addressed, 'This is the Paradise which you have been made to inherit for what you used to do.'

44 And the inhabitants of the Paradise will call out to the inmates of the Fire, 'We have certainly found that what our Lord promised us has come true; have you too found that what your Lord promised you has come true?' They will answer, 'Yes, we have!' Whereupon a caller will announce among them, 'May God's condemnation be upon the evildoers! - 45 those who hindered others from God's path, seeking to make it appear crooked, while they were the deniers of the truth of the life to come'.

46 There will be a barrier between Paradise and Hell. And there will be (some) persons on the heights (of that barrier) - who will recognize the dwellers of (both places) by their marks. They will call out to the inhabitants of Paradise, 'Peace be upon you.' They will not have (yet) entered Paradise, but they will be hoping (eagerly to enter it). 47 And whenever their eyes will be turned towards the inmates of the Fire, they will pray, 'O our Lord! Do not include us among the evildoing people!' 48 Those on the heights will call out to those (deserved for Hell) whom they recognize by their marks (as sinners), saying, 'Your great numbers and your arrogance has not availed you (today).' 49 'Are these the ones (i.e. the humble believers) about whom you swore that God will never bestow His grace upon them?' (Finally, the humble believers will be told,) 'Enter Paradise; you will have no fear, nor will you grieve.'

50 And the inmates of the Fire will call out to the inhabitants of Paradise, 'Pour some water upon us, or of any provision that God has given you.' (The inhabitants of Paradise) will reply, 'Indeed, God has forbidden both to those who denied the truth - 51 those who took their religion as mere amusement and play, and were deluded by (their) worldly life!' (And God will say,) 'Today We will ignore them just as they ignored their meeting of this Day (with Us), and (because) they used to deny Our messages.'

52 We have certainly brought them a Book which We have explained with knowledge - as guidance and grace for those

who believe. 53 Are they (i.e. the unbelievers) but waiting for its fulfilment (about which the Book warns)? (But) on the Day when it is fulfilled, those who had neglected it before will say, 'The messengers of our Lord had certainly come with the truth! Are there any intercessors who can intercede on our behalf? Or can we be sent back to do (deeds) other than what we used to do?' In fact, they will have put themselves into the loss, and all that they used to fabricate will be lost from them.

54 Indeed, your Lord is (the True) God - Who created the heavens and the earth in six days (i.e. in six periods), and then established Himself on the throne (i.e. took the charge to run the universe). He makes the night and day overlap in rapid succession, (He created) the sun, and the moon, and the stars, (they all are) subservient to His command. Verily, His is the creation, and His is the command; Blessed is God - Sustainer of the universe! 55 (O mankind!) Call upon your Lord humbly and in the secrecy (of your hearts). Indeed, He does not like the transgressors. 56 Do not spread corruption in the land after it has been set in order. But invoke Him with fear and hope. Indeed, the mercy of God is ever-near to those who do good (deeds with sincerity).

57 It is He Who sends winds as glad tidings ahead of His mercy (in the form of rain). When they carry heavy clouds, We drive them towards a dead land, then We send down rain from it. We bring out therewith all kinds of fruits. This is how We will bring the dead (to life), (it is explained to you,) so that you may take heed. 58 As for the good land, its vegetation comes forth (in abundance) by the will of its Lord, but as for the bad, it produces nothing but hardship and misery. Thus We explain Our messages in various ways for those who are grateful.

59 Indeed, We had sent Noah to his people, and he said, 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God alone - there does not exist any deity for you other than Him. I truly fear for you the torment of a tremendous Day.' 60 But the chiefs of his people replied, 'We certainly see that you are in evident error.' 61 Noah said, 'O my people! There is no error in me, but I am a

messenger from the Lord of the universe. 62 I am delivering to you my Lord's messages, and I am giving you sincere advice, and I know from God what you do not know.'

63 'Do you wonder that there has come to you a reminder from your Lord - through a man from among yourselves, so that he may warn you, and that you may become conscious of God, and that you may be graced with (His) mercy?' 64 But they gave him the lie! So We saved him and those who stood by him, in the Ark; and We caused those who had given the lie to Our messages to drown. They were indeed blind people (with regard to the truth).

65 And to (the tribe of) Aad (We sent) their brother Hood. He said (to them), 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God alone - there does not exist any deity for you other than Him. Will you not then be conscious (of Him)?' 66 The chiefs of his people who refused to acknowledge the truth said, 'Indeed, we see foolishness in you, and indeed, we think that you are one of the liars.' 67 Hood replied, 'O my people! There is no foolishness in me, but I am a messenger from the Lord of the universe. 68 I am delivering to you my Lord's messages, and I am a sincere well-wisher for you.

69 Do you wonder that a reminder has come to you from your Lord, through a man from among yourselves, so that he may warn you? Remember how God made you successors of Noah's people, and increased you greatly in stature. So remember the blessings of God, so that you may be successful.'

70 They answered, 'Have you come to us (with the demand) that we should worship (the One) God alone, and give up all that our forefathers used to worship? Then bring upon us what you are threatening us with, if you are sincere.' 71 Hood said, 'Indeed, abomination and wrath from your Lord have already befallen you. Do you argue with me about (the empty) names which you and your forefathers invented, for which God has never sent down any authority? Then wait! Indeed, I too am waiting with you.' 72 So, by Our grace, We saved Hood and

those who stood by him, and We wiped out the last trace of those who gave the lie to Our messages, for they were not (at all) believers.

73 And to (the tribe of) Thamood - (We sent) their brother Salih. He said, 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God alone - there does not exist any deity for you other than Him. A clear evidence of the truth has now come to you from your Lord. This she-camel belonging to God is a sign for you. So leave her alone to graze (freely) on God's earth, and do not touch her with harm, lest a painful punishment seize you.' 74 (Salih further said, O my people!) 'Remember when God made you successors after Aad, and settled you in the land. You build palaces for yourselves on its plains, and carve out homes in the mountains. So remember the blessings of God, and do not act wickedly in the land, spreading corruption.'

75 The chiefs of his people who behaved arrogantly said to the believers who were deemed weak among them, 'Are you certain that Salih has been sent by his Lord?' They answered, 'Indeed, we do believe in that message he has been sent with.' 76 (But) the arrogant ones said, '(As for us) we surely reject what you believe in!' 77 Then they hamstrung the she-camel and rebelled against the command of their Lord, and they challenged (Salih), 'Bring us that (punishment) with which you have threatened us, if you are (truly) one of God's messengers.'

78 Thereupon an (overwhelming) earthquake seized them, then (in the morning) they became fallen prone (i.e. they were found dead) in their homes. 79 So Salih turned away from them, saying, 'O my people! Indeed, I have delivered to you my Lord's message and advised you (sincerely), but you do not like (sincere) advisers.'

80 And (remember) when Lot scolded (the men of) his people (saying), 'Do you commit such an obscene act which none in the world has ever committed before you? 81 Indeed, you approach men with lust instead of women. Nay, (the fact is that) you are a people who commit excesses!' 82 But the answer of his people was only that they said, 'Drive them out

of your town (i.e. Lot and his companions), for they are a people who want to remain chaste!' 83 Thereupon We saved him and his household, except for his wife; she was one of those who remained behind (with the evildoers). 84 And We showered upon them a rain (of destruction). So see how was the end of the criminals.

85 And to (the people of) Madyan, (We sent) their brother Shu'yab. He said, 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God alone - there does not exist any deity for you other than Him. The clear evidence of the truth has indeed come to you from your Lord. So give full measure and weight (in all your dealings), and do not deprive people of what is (rightfully) theirs; and do not spread corruption in the land after it has been set in order. That is for your own good, if you are (truly) believers. 86 And do not lie in wait on every path - threatening and hindering from the path of God - those who believe in Him, seeking to make it appear crooked. And remember (the time) when you were few, then God multiplied you. And see how was the end of those who used to spread corruption!' 87 (Shu'yab further said) 'And if there is a section among you who has come to believe in the message with which I have been sent, while a section who has not believed, then have patience until God will judge between us; for He is the Best of all judges!'

PART – 9 88 The chiefs of his people who behaved arrogantly threatened, 'O Shu'ayb! We will certainly drive you out, and those who have believed with you from our town, or you must return to our faith.' (Shu'ayb) replied, 'What! Even if we dislike it? 89 We would surely be fabricating lies against God if we returned to your faith after God has saved us from it. We can never return to it (i.e. it is not conceivable for us), unless God - our Lord so wills. Our Lord encompasses everything in (His) knowledge. In God we put our trust! O our Lord! Judge between us and our people with truth, for You are the Best of those who judge.' 90 The chiefs of his people who were bent on

denying the truth threatened (the followers of prophet Shu'ayb,) 'If you follow Shu'ayb, then you will certainly be the losers.' 91 Thereupon an (overwhelming) earthquake seized them, then (in the morning) they became fallen prone (i.e. they were found dead) in their homes. 92 Those who gave the lie to Shu'ayb were (wiped out) as if they had never lived there; those who gave the lie to Shu'ayb - it was they who were (in fact) the losers! 93 And Shu'ayb turned away from them, saying, 'O my people! Indeed, I have delivered to you my Lord's messages and given you sincere advice, so why should I feel sad for people who have denied the truth?'

94 Whenever We sent a prophet to a town, We afflicted its (denying) people with misery and adversity, so that they may humble themselves (before God). 95 Then We changed their hardship into ease until they prospered, and said, 'Adversity and prosperity (both) touched our forefathers (too), then We seized them all of a sudden, (while) they were not aware (about the peril). 96 And if the people of the towns had attained to faith and been conscious of Us, We would have certainly opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth, but they gave the lie to the truth. So We seized them for what they used to commit. 97 So, do the people of the towns (now) feel secure that the punishment from Us will not come upon them by night while they are sleeping? 98 Or do the people of the towns feel secure that the punishment from Us will not come upon them by day while they are at play? 99 Do they feel secure against the scheming of God? None can feel secure from the scheming of God except the people who are losers.

100 Is it not clear (lesson) to those who inherit the land after (the destruction of) its former people, that if We (so) willed, We could punish them (too) for their sins - sealing up their hearts, so that they would not hear (the message of truth)? 101 Such were the towns We relate to you some of their stories. Surely, their messengers came to them with clear evidence of the truth; but they would not believe in anything to which they had given the lie before. Thus God seals the hearts of those

who deny the truth.102 We did not find most of them \true to their covenants; rather, We found most of them defiantly disobedient.

103 Then, after them, We sent Moses with Our (messageful) signs to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they wrongfully rejected them. So see how was the end of the spreaders of corruption! 104 And Moses said, 'O Pharaoh! I am truly a messenger from the Sustainer of all universe, 105 obliged to say nothing about God except the truth. Verily, I have come to you with a clear evidence from your Lord, so let the children of Israel go with me.' 106 Pharaoh Said, 'If you have come with a sign, then produce it, if you are truthful!' 107 So Moses threw down his staff and - behold! - it became a real serpent. 108 And he drew forth his hand, and behold! it appeared (shining) white to the beholders. 109 The chiefs of Pharaoh's people said, 'This man is certainly a learned sorcerer, 110 he wants to drive you out of your land (by influencing through his sorcery).' (Pharaoh asked the chiefs,) 'So what do you suggest?' 111 They answered, 'Postpone (the matter of) him and his brother, and send heralds to all the cities, 112 who will bring to you every learned sorcerer.' 113 The sorcerers came to Pharaoh. They asked (Pharaoh), 'Shall we certainly receive a (suitable) reward, if we prevail?' 114 Pharaoh answered, 'Yes, and of course, you will be among those who are closest to me.' 115 The sorcerers said (to Moses), 'O Moses! Either you throw (your staff first), or shall we be the ones to throw (first)?' 116 Moses answered, 'You throw (first).' And when they threw down (their staffs), they cast a spell upon the people's eyes, and struck them with awe, and presented tremendous sorcery. 117 Then We inspired Moses, 'Throw down your staff!' And - behold! - it swallowed up all what they were falsifying. 118 Thus the truth was established, and what they were doing was abolished (i.e. proved untrue). 119 And thus they (i.e. Pharaoh and his people) were defeated right there, and became utterly humiliated. 120 And the sorcerers fell down in prostration (to the One True God). 121 They

exclaimed, 'We have come to believe in the Lord of the universe - 122 the Lord of Moses and Aaron!'

123 Pharaoh threatened, 'How dare you believe in him before I give you permission? Undoubtedly, this is a plot which you have devised in the city to drive out its people from it. But soon you will come to know (the result of this plot).' 124 (Pharaoh said to the sorcerers,) 'I will certainly cut off your hands and your legs on opposite sides, then I will certainly crucify you all together.' 125 They answered, 'Indeed, to our Lord we will return. 126 You take revenge on us only because we have come to believe in our Lord's messages as soon as they came to us.' (Then they prayed to God,) 'O our Lord! Pour upon us patience and cause us to die in a state of submission to You.'

127 And the chiefs of Pharaoh's people said, 'Are you going to leave Moses and his people (free) to spread corruption in the land, and to (cause your people to) forsake you and your gods?' Pharaoh replied, 'We will kill their sons and let live their women (as we did before the birth of Moses), for we have absolute power over them.' 128 Moses reassured his people, 'Turn to God for help and be steadfast. Indeed, the earth belongs to God (alone). He causes whomever He wills among His servants to inherit it, and the ultimate outcome (i.e. eternal good) is (only) for those who are God-conscious.' 129 (But the children of Israel) complained (to Moses), 'We were persecuted before you came to us, and even after you have come to us (we are still being persecuted).' (Moses) replied, 'Hopefully, your Lord will cause your enemy to perish and make you successors in the land; and thereupon He will see how you act.'

130 Indeed, We seized the people of Pharaoh with years of drought and poor production of fruits, so that they may take heed. 131 But whenever good (fortune) came to them, they said, 'This is what we deserve!' And whenever adversity befell them, they would ascribe it as a bad omen to Moses and those who followed him. Surely their (evil) fortune is decreed by

God, but most of them do not know it. 132 They said (to Moses), 'Whatever (miraculous) sign you bring to cast a spell upon us therewith, we are not going to believe in you.'

133 So We sent upon them flood, locusts, lice, frogs, and the (water turning into) blood as manifest signs, yet they persisted in arrogance, for they were a criminal people. 134 When the punishment fell upon them, they pleaded, 'O Moses! Pray to your Lord on our behalf, by virtue of the covenant He made with you. Indeed, if you remove this torment from us, we will certainly believe in you, and let the children of Israel go with you.' 135 But whenever We removed the torment from them until an (appointed) term - which they were bound to reach, then they would break their word.

136 So We took retribution from them, drowning them in the sea, because they had given the lie to Our messages, and they were heedless of them. 137 And (so) We made the people who had been oppressed - inheritors of the eastern parts and the western parts of the land, which We had blessed. And (thus) your Lord's good promise towards the children of Israel was fulfilled, because of their patience, whereas We destroyed all that Pharaoh and his people used to make, and what they used to erect.

138 We brought the children of Israel across the sea. Then they came upon a people who were devoted to the worship of some idols of theirs. Said (the children of Israel), 'O Moses! Make for us a god just like the gods these people have!' Moses replied, 'Indeed, you are a people behaving ignorantly! 139 **Indeed, what these (people) are engaged in - is bound to perish, and vain is that which they are doing.'**

Note: - In present life of test, many people are engaged in falsehood, but the falsehood is not such a thing which can eternally flourish, it is bound to perish.

According to the Quran, all kinds of worships, except the worship of the One True God, are bound to perish.

140 Moses (further) said (to the children of Israel), 'Should I seek for you a deity other than (the One True) God, while He has honoured you over all other people?' 141 And (remember), when We rescued you from the people of Pharaoh who were afflicting you with a terrible torment, killing your sons and letting live your women. That was a severe trial from your Lord.

142 And We appointed for Moses thirty nights (on Mount Sinai), and completed it with ten more, whereby the term set by his Lord was fulfilled in forty nights. Moses commanded his brother Aaron, 'Take my place among my people (in my absence), and act righteously; and do not follow the way of those who spread corruption.' 143 When Moses came (to Mount Sinai) at Our fixed time, and his Lord spoke to him, Moses said, 'O my Lord! Reveal Yourself to me, so that I may behold You.' God answered, 'You can never see Me, but look at the mountain, if it remains (firm) in its place, only then you will see Me.' As soon as his Lord revealed (a glimpse of) His glory on the mountain. He caused it to crumble to dust, and Moses collapsed unconscious. So as soon as he recovered, he cried, '(O my Lord!) All Glory be to You! I turn to You in repentance, and I am the first of the believers!'

144 God said, 'O Moses! Indeed, I have chosen you above all people by virtue of My messages and My words. So hold fast to what I have given you, and be among the grateful!' 145 We wrote for him on the tablets (the fundamentals of) everything, commandments and explanations of all things, (and We commanded,) 'Hold fast to them with firmness, and ask your people to take the best of it (i.e. to follow them in their best sense).' Soon I will show you the home of those who are bent on disobeying. 146 I will soon cause to turn away from My (messageful) signs those who behave arrogantly in the land without any right. And even if they see every sign (of the truth), they still will not believe in it; and if they see the right path, they will not choose to follow it as (their) path, whereas, if they see the path of error, they will choose it for their path.

That is because they gave the lie to Our messages, and remained heedless of them. 147 Hence, all who give the lie to Our messages, and (thus gave the lie) to the meeting of the life to come, vain will be all their deeds. Will such people be recompensed except (according to) whatever they used to do?

148 And the people of Moses, in his absence (i.e. after his departure) took (to worshipping) the effigy of a calf (made) of their ornaments, which made a lowing sound (as air passed through it). **Did they not see that it could neither speak to them, nor could it guide them to the (right) path? (Yet) they took (to worshipping) it (as a deity), for they were evildoers.** 149 Later when they became regretful, and they realized that they had indeed gone astray, they cried, 'Unless our Lord extends His mercy to us, and grants us forgiveness, we will certainly be among the losers.' 150 And when Moses returned to his people, full of wrath and sorrow, he exclaimed, 'Evil is that which you committed in my absence! Did you want to hasten your Lord's decree (of torment)?' And he cast down the tablets (of the divine guidance), and grabbed his brother by the hair, dragging him towards himself. Then Aaron pleaded, 'O son of my mother! Indeed, the people overpowered me, and were almost about to kill me. So do not (humiliate me and) make my enemies rejoice, nor count me among the evildoing people.' 151 (When Moses realized the fact about his brother,) he prayed (to God), 'O my Lord! Forgive me and my brother, and cause us to enter into Your mercy, **FOR YOU ARE THE MOST MERCIFUL OF THE MERCIFUL.'**

Note: - The True God is the source of mercy, wherever mercy exists in His creatures - it is due to that source. That is why He alone is the Most Merciful of the merciful.

152 As for those who took the calf for worship, they will certainly be afflicted with wrath from their Lord, and humiliation (will be their lot) in the life of this world! And this is how We recompense those who invent falsehood. 153 But as for those who do bad deeds, and afterwards repent and (truly) believe, after that (i.e. after such repentance) your Lord is indeed Most Forgiving and Most Merciful.

154 When the anger of Moses calmed down, he picked up the tablets, in their inscription there was guidance and grace for those who are fearful of their Lord. 155 And Moses chose from his people seventy men for Our appointment. Later when the earthquake seized them (for asking Moses to make God visible to them), Moses prayed, 'O my Lord! If You had so willed, You could have destroyed them long ago, and me too (with them). But (O my Lord,) would You destroy us for what the foolish among us have done? This is not but a trial from You, by which You let go astray whom You will; and guide (to the right path) whom You will. You are our Protector, so forgive us, and have mercy upon us, for You are the Best of those who forgive. 156 And ordain for us what is good in this world as well as in the life to come, (O our Lord!) We have indeed turned to You (in repentance).' God answered, 'I afflict with My punishment whom I will, but My grace encompasses all things. So I will ordain it for those who are conscious of Me, and spend in charity, and those who believe in Our messages.'

157 Those who follow the messenger - the unlettered prophet, whom they find described in the Torah that is with them, and (later on) in the Gospel. He commands them the doing of what is good and forbids them the doing of what is evil, and makes lawful to them the good things (of life), and forbids them the bad things, and relieves them of their burdens and the shackles that were upon them (before). So those who believe in him, they honour and support him, and follow the light which has been sent down with him, it is they who will be successful. 158 Say, 'O mankind! Indeed, I am a messenger of God to all of you - to Whom belongs the dominion of the

heavens and the earth. There does not exist any deity except Him (i.e. there is none worthy of worship except the One True God); He (alone) gives life and causes death. So believe in God and His messenger - the unlettered prophet; who believes in God and His revelations; and follow him, so that you may be (rightly) guided.'

159 And among the people of Moses, there was a group which used to guide (others) with truth and act justly in accordance with it.

160 And We divided them into twelve tribes (as distinct) communities. And when his people asked Moses for water, We inspired him, 'Strike the rock with your staff!' So twelve springs gushed forth from it, every tribe did know its drinking place. And We caused the clouds to draw their shadow over them, and sent down to them manna and quails, (saying,) 'Eat of the good things which We have provided for you (as sustenance).' And (by all their sinning) they did not wrong Us, but they wronged only themselves. 161 And (remember) when it was said to them, 'Settle down in this town (of Jerusalem), and eat from it wherever you wish, but say, 'Repentance (i.e. pray for forgiveness),' and enter the gate (of the town) bowing (with humility); We will forgive you your sins. We will increase (the reward) for the (sincere) doers of good.' 162 But those (of the children of Israel) who were bent on wrongdoing changed the word to something other than what they were commanded (to say). So We sent down upon them a punishment from the heaven for their wrongdoing.

163 And ask them about (the people of) that town which stood by the sea, when they transgressed in the matter of Sabbath. (Sabbath was a day in a week only for devoted and secluded worship, on that day every activity was forbidden except worship). When they observed the Sabbath, their fish would come to them openly (and abundantly), but when it was not Sabbath, they would not come. Thus did We test them because they were bent on disobeying. 164 When some people among them asked (those who tried to admonish the

wrongdoers), 'Why do you admonish a people whom God will destroy, or punish them with a severe punishment?' The admonishers answered, 'In order to be free from blame before your Lord, and that these (transgressors, too) may become conscious of Him.' 165 So, when those (sinners) neglected all that they had been reminded of, We saved those who used to warn against evil, and We seized those who were bent on evildoing with a dreadful punishment, because they were defiantly disobeying.

166 So when they exceeded all bounds (i.e. disdainfully persisted in doing) what they had been forbidden (to do), We said to them, 'Be as apes - despised.'

167 And (remember) when your Lord declared that He would surely (continue to) send against them until the Day of Resurrection those who would afflict them with a terrible punishment. Indeed, your Lord is swift in retribution; yet He is indeed Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 168 And We scattered them into (separate) communities through the earth. Among them some were righteous, and some of them otherwise; and We tested them with good and bad (times) (i.e. with blessings and misfortunes), so that they may return (to the right path).

169 Then they were succeeded by (new) generations who (in spite of) having inherited the (divine) Book take to the fleeting gains of this world, they claim, 'We will certainly be forgiven.' But if a similar fleeting gain (again) comes their way, they will seize it. Was a covenant through the (divine) Book not taken from them that they would not say anything about God except the truth? Did they (not) read what is in it?

BUT THE HOME OF THE HEREAFTER IS FAR BETTER FOR THOSE WHO ARE CONSCIOUS OF GOD.

So will you not use your reason? 170 But those who hold fast to the (divine) Book, and are constant in prayer; indeed, We will never let go waste the reward of the righteous (who enjoin the doing of what is right and forbid the doing of what is wrong). 171 And (did We not say) when We raised the mountain above them, as if it were a canopy, and they thought that it would fall upon them - 'Hold firmly to that (scripture) which We have given you, and bear in mind all that is in it, so that you may become conscious of God?' 172 And (remember) when your Lord brought forth from the loins of the children of Adam their offspring, and made them bear witness about themselves, (by asking them,) 'Am I not your Lord?' They replied, 'Of course, (You are). We do bear witness (thereto)!' (Of this We reminded you,) lest you say on the Day of Resurrection, 'Indeed, we were unaware of this.' 173 Or lest you say, 'Verily, it was but our forefathers who (started to) associate partners (with God) earlier, and we as their descendants (only) followed them. Will You then destroy us for what those inventors of falsehood did?' 174 Thus do We explain the messages in detail, so that they (who have strayed) may return (to the right path).

175 And relate to them (O prophet!) the story of the one whom We gave our (messageful) signs, but he abandoned them, so Satan took hold of him, and he became one of those who went astray. 176 And if We had willed, We could have indeed exalted him by means of those (messageful) signs, but he (always) adhered to the earth (i.e. he preferred only present life), and followed his own desires. So the example of him is like that of a dog; if you approach him threateningly, he will pant with his tongue lolling; and if you leave him (alone), he will (still) pant with his tongue lolling; such is the example of those who are bent on giving the lie to Our messages. So relate the story (to them), so that they may reflect. 177 Evil is the example of those who were bent on giving the lie to Our messages, (but in fact) they were doing wrong to themselves. 178 Whomever God guides, he is (rightly) guided; and whomever He lets go astray, then it is they (who are) the losers.

179 **Indeed, We have created many jinn-beings and human beings for Hell. They have hearts (i.e. minds), with which they do not understand; they have eyes, with which they do not see; and they have ears, with which they do not hear. Such people are like cattle; rather, they are more astray. It is they who are the heedless (about the reality of life)!**

Note: - Human being has been gifted with such capacities what other living beings have not. The most special gift man has got from the Creator is mind. Man has been constantly developing material civilization by using this gift. Man is converting many potential things into actual by using this gift of intelligence. But at the same time many people are doing this crime that they do not acknowledge the Giver of mind, and are unaware of the true purpose of mind. This behaviour on behalf of man is making him in the sight of the Creator as cattle, rather worse than cattle. The fact is that such people are inviting God's rejection by their own behaviour.

180 And God's (alone) are the attributes of perfection, so invoke Him by them. And leave those (alone) who distort the meaning of His attributes. They will be recompensed for what they used to do. 181 Of those We created, there are some who guide (others) with the truth (i.e. who give true guidance) and act justly according to it. 182 But as for those who are bent on giving the lie to Our messages, We will gradually draw them (to destruction), from where they do not know (i.e. without their perceiving how it came about). 183 And I will give respite to them. Indeed, My plan is firm.

184 Do they not reflect? There is no madness in their companion. He is only a clear warner. 185 Do they not look into the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and everything that God has created, and (do they not see) that perhaps their term has come near? **SO IN WHAT MESSAGE**

AFTER THIS (QURAN) WILL THEY BELIEVE?

186 Whomever God lets go astray, there is no guide for him, and He leaves them in their transgression, wandering blindly. 187 They ask you (O prophet) about the Hour (of Doom), 'When will it come to pass?' Say, 'Its knowledge is only with my Lord. None can reveal its (due) time except Him. It lies heavy on the heavens and the earth. It will not come upon you, but all of a sudden.' They ask you as if you are well-informed about it. Say, 'Its knowledge is only with God, but most people are unaware (about this). 188 Say (O prophet), 'It is not within my power to bring benefit to, or avert harm from myself, except what God wills. And if I had knowledge of the unseen (i.e. knowledge beyond the reach of human understanding), I would have certainly got much good (to my lot), and no evil would have ever touched me. I am only a warner and a bearer of glad tidings for those who believe (in me). 189 It is He Who created you from a single person (i.e. Adam), then from him brought into being his spouse, so that he may find calm with her. When he covers her with himself, she conceives a light burden, and continues to bear it. Then, when she grows heavy (with child), they both pray to God, their Lord, 'If you bestow on us a sound child, we will certainly be grateful (towards You).' 190 But when He gives them a sound child, they (begin to) ascribe partners to Him concerning that which He has given them. Yet God is Exalted far above whatever they associate with Him. 191 **DO THEY ASSOCIATE WITH HIM THOSE WHO CANNOT CREATE ANYTHING, RATHER THEY THEMSELVES ARE CREATED?** 192 **And they (i.e. the false**

deities) are unable to help them (i.e. their devotees), nor can they help themselves. 193 And if you call them to guidance (i.e. to the right path), they will not follow you. It is all the same (for them), whether you call them or remain silent. 194 **INDEED, THOSE WHOM YOU (POLYTHEISTS) CALL UPON BESIDES (THE ONE TRUE) GOD ARE SERVANTS (I.E. CREATED BEINGS) LIKE YOU, so call upon them, and let them respond to you, if you are sincere (in your claims).**

195 (Whom you worship besides God) do they have legs with which they walk, or (even) do they have hands with which they hold? Or (even) do they have eyes with which they see? Or (even) do they have ears with which they hear? Say (O prophet), 'Call upon those whom you associate as partners (in God's divinity), and then scheme against me and give me no respite! 196 Indeed, my Protector is (the One True) God, Who has sent down the (divine) Book, for it is He Who protects the righteous. 197 Whereas all those (false deities) whom you call upon besides Him cannot help you, nor can they help themselves. 198 If you call them to guidance (i.e. to the right path), they cannot hear you, and you see them looking at you, but they cannot see.'

199 (O prophet!) Be tolerant, and enjoin (the doing of) what is right, and turn away from the ignorant (i.e. leave alone all those who choose to remain ignorant). 200 And if an evil impulse from Satan provokes you, seek refuge with God; He is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 201 Indeed, those who are conscious of God, when an evil thought from Satan touches them, they remember (their Lord), and then they (instantly) become watchful. 202 As for the brothers (i.e. followers) of devils, they are dragged by them into misguidance, sparing no effort.

203 And when you do not bring them a (miraculous) sign (which they demand), they ask, 'Why do you not make it yourself?' Say, 'I only follow whatever is revealed to me from my Lord. This (divine Book i.e. the Quran) is an enlightenment from your Lord, and a guidance, and grace for those who believe. 204 So when the Quran is recited, then listen to it, and pay attention (towards it), so that you may be graced with (God's) mercy. 205 And remember your Lord within your heart with humility and awe, without raising your voice, in the mornings and evenings, and do not be among the heedless. 206 Indeed, those who are near to your Lord (i.e. the angels) do not turn away in arrogance from His worship; and they glorify Him (alone), and they prostrate themselves before Him (alone).

SURAH–8. AL-ANFAAL

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 They ask you (O prophet), about the spoils of war (i.e. war-gains). Say, 'All spoils of war belong to God and His messenger.' So remain conscious of God, and set things right among yourselves, and obey God and His messenger, if you are (truly) believers. 2 True believers are only those whose hearts tremble (with awe) whenever God is mentioned, and whose faith strengthens whenever His messages are recited to them; and they put their trust in their Lord - 3 those who are constant in prayer and spend (in Our cause) out of what We have provided for them. 4 Such are the true believers, for them are the ranks (of position) with their Lord, and forgiveness, and an honourable provision.

5 (At the time of the battle of Badr) just as your Lord brought you out of your home (to fight) for the cause of the truth, even though some of the believers were indeed reluctant. 6 They disputed with you concerning the truth after it had become clear (to them), as if they were being driven towards death while they were looking (at it). 7 And (remember O believers) when God promised you that one of the two (enemy) hosts (would) fall to you, and you wished that the unarmed one

should be yours. But God wanted to prove the truth to be true in accordance with His words, and wipe out the last trace of those who denied the truth - 8 so that He might prove the truth to be true, and the falsehood to be false, however hateful this might be to those who were lost in sin.

9 (Remember) when you cried out to your Lord for help, (whereupon) He thus responded to you, 'Indeed, I am going to reinforce you with one thousand angels, following one another (i.e. in successive ranks).' 10 And God made it only as glad tidings, so that your hearts would be at rest thereby. Since no help can come from any except from God (alone). Indeed, God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. 11 (Remember) when He covered you with slumber as tranquillity (descending) from Him, and sent down upon you rain from the sky to purify you with it, and to remove from you the evil (whispering) of Satan, and to strengthen your hearts, and thus to make firm (your) footsteps thereby. 12 (Remember,) when your Lord inspired the angels (to convey His message to the believers,) 'I am with you!' (And He also commanded the angels,) 'Give firmness to those who have attained to faith (with these words from Me), I will cast horror into the hearts of those who are bent on denying the truth, so strike their necks, and strike all their finger joints.' 13 That is because they opposed God and His messenger. Whoever opposes God and His messenger, then (know that) God is indeed Severe in retribution. 14 'That (is your punishment O enemies of God!) so taste it.' (And know) that the torment of the Fire awaits those who deny the truth!

15 O you who have attained to faith! When you meet those who are bent on denying the truth, advancing (towards you to battle), then never turn your backs to them. 16 And whoever turns his back to them on such an occasion, except as a strategy of war, or to join another troop (of the believers) - has certainly incurred the wrath of God, and his abode is Hell. What a terrible destination!

17 And yet (O believers,) it was not you who killed them (i.e. the enemy), but it was God Who killed them; and it was

not you who threw (a handful of sand at them O prophet!), when you threw it, but it was God Who threw it. (He did all this,) so that He might test the believers with a great trial from Himself. Indeed, God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 18 That (was God's purpose), and (know) that God renders vain the (artful) scheme of those who deny the truth. 19 (Say, O prophet!) 'If you were seeking the verdict, the verdict has now come to you. And if you abstain (from hostility), it will be for your own good; but if you persist (in hostility), We will also persist, and never will your host be of any avail to you, however numerous it be. And (know) that God is (only) with those who (truly) believe!'

20 O you who have attained to faith! Obey God and His messenger; and do not turn away from him (now), when you hear (messenger's call). 21 And do not be like those who say, 'We have heard,' but (in fact) they do not listen.

22 INDEED, THE WORST OF ALL LIVING CREATURES IN THE SIGHT OF GOD ARE THOSE THAT ARE (WILFULLY) DEAF AND DUMB, WHO DO NOT USE THEIR REASON.

Note: - It is the ability of reasoning which makes human being special in all living creatures. This gift was not given only to use in the matters of materialism, but it was gifted to use in the matters of spirituality too - i.e. for seeking the truth. Those who do not use their reason for spirituality are proving themselves the worst living creature in the eye of God.

23 For, if God had seen any good in them, He would have certainly made them hear, but (without any good) if He had made them hear, they would have surely turned away in aversion.

24 O you who have attained to faith! Respond to (the call of) God and His messenger whenever His messenger calls you to that which gives you life. And know that God intervenes between a man and his heart; and it is to Him that you will all be gathered. 25 And beware of an affliction that will not smite exclusively those among you who have done wrong. And know that God is Severe in retribution.

26 And remember when you were few (in number) and oppressed in the land, ever-fearing the attacks of your enemies, but He provided you with shelter, and strengthened you with His help, and provided you with good things, so that you might be grateful (towards Him). 27 O you who have attained to faith! Do not be false to God and His messenger, nor be false to your trusts, while you know. 28 **And be aware that your wealth and your children are only a trial, and that with God there is a great reward.**

29 O you who have attained to faith! If you remain conscious of God, He will grant you a criterion (i.e. an ability to distinguish between right and wrong), and will efface your bad deeds, and will forgive you (your sins), for God is (the Source) of infinite bounty. 30 And (remember, O prophet,) how those who were bent on denying the truth were scheming against you, to imprison you (in order to restrain you from preaching), or to kill you, or to drive you out from your hometown. They were scheming; but God was also scheming. And God is above all schemers.

31 Whenever Our messages are conveyed to them, they challenge (you), 'We have heard (all this before), if we had wished, we could have easily produced the like of this. This (Quran) is nothing but fables of ancient people.' 32 And (remember) when they prayed, 'O God! If this is indeed the

truth, (and it is revealed) from You, then rain down upon us stones from the sky, or bring upon us (some other) painful punishment! 33 But God would never punish them, while (O prophet) you were in their midst, nor would God punish them if they sought for forgiveness. 34 But why should God not punish them, now seeing that they hinder (the believers) from the Inviolable House of worship, although they are not its (rightful) guardians? None but the God-conscious can be its (rightful) guardians, but most of these (evildoers) do not realize it. 35 And (as far as the unrightful guardians are concerned) their prayer at the House (of worship) is nothing but whistling and clapping of hands. 'So taste the punishment for your denial of the truth.'

36 Indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth spend their wealth to hinder (people) from the path of God. And they will continue to spend it, until it will become (a source of intense) regret for them, then they will be overcome. And those who have denied the truth will be gathered to Hell. 37 So that God might separate the wicked from the good; and place the wicked over one another, and heap them all together, and then cast them into Hell. It is they who are the losers.

38 Say to those who are bent on denying the truth that if they desist, their past will be forgiven. But if they persist (in their wrongdoing), then the example of the former (rebellious) people (who were destroyed) has already taken place (as a warning). 39 And (O believers!) fight them (i.e. the persecutors) until there is no more (religious) persecution, and the religion will be entirely for God alone (i.e. so that the creation plan of God prevails). But if they desist, then indeed, God sees all that they do. 40 But if they turn away (from righteousness), then know that God is your Protector, How excellent is the Protector, and how excellent is the Supporter!

PART – 10 41 And know that whatever booty (i.e. battle gains) you obtain (in war), one fifth thereof belongs to God and the messenger, and for his close relatives, and the orphans, and

the poor, and the (needy) wayfarers. (This you must observe) if you (truly) believe in God and in what We sent down to Our servant on the day of criterion (when the truth was distinguished from falsehood), the day when the two hosts met (in battle). And God is Ever-Powerful over everything.

42 (Remember that day) when you were on the near side of the valley, and they were on the far side, and the caravan was downwards from you (in position). And if you had made an appointment (to encounter), you would have certainly disagreed about the appointment. But (it was brought about,) so that God might accomplish a thing (which He willed) to be done, so that those who chose to perish would perish after seeing clear evidence, and those who chose to survive would survive after seeing clear evidence. Indeed, God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 43 (Remember, O prophet!) When God showed them to you in your dream as few in number, and if He had shown them to you as many, you would have surely lost courage, and you would have surely disputed about the matter (with one another). But God saved (you from that). Indeed, He has full knowledge of what is (hidden) in the hearts. 44 And (remember) when you met (the enemy in the battle), God made them appear as few in your eyes, and made you appear as few in their eyes, so that God might accomplish a thing (which He willed) to be done. And to God all matters will be returned (for judgement).

45 (Hence,) O you who have attained to faith! When you encounter a host (in battle), be firm, and remember God often, so that you may be successful. 46 And obey God and His messenger, and do not dispute (with one another), lest you lose courage and your (moral) strength desert you. And (always) be steadfast, indeed, God is with those who are the steadfast. 47 And do not be like those (unbelievers) who came forth from their homelands (i.e. left their homeland) full of self-conceit, and (with the desire) to be seen (and praised) by people, (for they were trying) to hinder others from the path of God; but God is All-Encompassing of whatever they do.

48 And (remember) when Satan made all their (evil) deeds seem goodly to them, and said (to them), 'No one can overcome you this day from among people, and I am indeed your supporter.' But as soon as the two hosts faced each other, he retreated on his heels and said, 'I have absolutely nothing to do with you, for I see what you do not see; I truly fear God, for God is Severe in retribution.' 49 And (remember) when the hypocrites and those in whose hearts was disease were saying, 'Their faith has deluded these people (i.e. believers)!' But (the truth is that) he who puts his trust in God (knows that), indeed, God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.

50 And if you could (but) see (how it will be) when the angels take away the souls of those who are bent on denying the truth (at the time of death), beating their faces and their backs (saying), 'Taste the torment of the burning! 51 This is in return for what your hands sent ahead, for God is never unjust to His servants. 52 (To them will happen,) the like of what happened to Pharaoh's people, and those (unbelievers) who lived before them, they all denied the truth of God's messages, and so God seized them for their sins. Indeed, God is All-Powerful, Severe in retribution. 53 That is because God would never change (i.e. never discontinue) the blessing with which He has graced a people unless they change what is within themselves (i.e. their attitude and conduct). Indeed, God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 54 (To those sinners will happen) the like of what happened to Pharaoh's people, and those who were before them. They gave the lie to their Lord's messages, and so We destroyed them for their sins, and We caused Pharaoh's people to drown, for they were all evildoers.

55 **INDEED, THE WORST OF ALL CREATURES IN THE SIGHT OF GOD ARE THOSE WHO ARE BENT ON DENYING THE TRUTH, AND THEY WILL NEVER BELIEVE.** 56 (O prophet!) They

are those with whom you have made a covenant, but they break their covenant every time; and they are not conscious of God (at all). 57 So if you encounter them in battle, then deal with them in such a manner that those who follow them would disperse fearfully, so that they may take warning. 58 If you (have reason to) fear treachery from the people (with whom you have made a covenant), then renounce (the covenant) with them in an equitable manner, for, indeed, God does not like the treacherous!

59 And let not those who are bent on denying the truth think that they can outstrip (God's plan). Indeed, they cannot escape (i.e. they can never frustrate His purpose). 60 Hence, make ready against them whatever force and cavalry you are able to muster, so that you may deter thereby the enemy of God and your own enemy as well, and others besides them of whom you may be unaware, (but) of whom God is Ever-Aware; and whatever you spend in God's cause will be repaid to you in full, and you will never be wronged.

61 **BUT (O PROPHET!) IF THEY INCLINE TO PEACE, THEN YOU ALSO INCLINE TO IT, AND PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD.** Indeed, He (alone) is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

Note: - Islam is always peace, so all teachings of Islam are based on peace. Islam is never willing to wage a war with those who incline to peace.

62 But if they intend to deceive you (by their show of peace-treaty), then God is certainly Sufficient for you. It is He Who supported you with His help, and with the believers. 63 He has united their hearts (i.e. put affection between them), even if you had spent all that is on the earth, you could not have united their hearts together (by your efforts), but God did unite them together. Indeed, He is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.

64 O prophet! God is Sufficient for you and (for) those who follow you of the believers. 65 O prophet! Motivate the believers to fight; (and they should not have any fear of death while fighting) if there be twenty of you (who are) steadfast, they will overcome two hundred. And if there be one hundred of you, they will overcome one thousand of those who are bent on denying the truth, because they are a people who do not understand (how true belief in God works). 66 Now God has lightened your burden, for He knows that there is weakness in you (i.e. weakness of your faith). So if there be one hundred of you (who are) steadfast, they will overcome two hundred; and if there be one thousand of you, they will overcome two thousand by God's will; for God is with the steadfast. 67 It is not befitting for a prophet to keep (those who are bent on wiping out the mission of the truth,) as prisoners of war unless he has (thoroughly) subjugated (the enemy) in the land; you desire the (fleeting) gains of this world, but God desires (for you the good of) the life to come (i.e. the eternal good). And God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.

68 Had it not been for a prior decree from God, a tremendous punishment would have certainly afflicted you for what you have taken (of ransom). 69 So consume of all that is lawful and good among the things which you have gained in the war (i.e. war-booty), and remain conscious of God; indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

70 **O prophet! Say to the captives who are in your custody, 'If God finds any good in your hearts, He will give you something better than what has been taken from you, and He will forgive you, for God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.'**

Note: - Islam is always the religion of hope and mercy for human being. Even for those who are fighting against Islam, Islam has not closed the door of mercy for them. Even after prolonged enmity, if one wants to enter into that door by taking a sincere U-turn, he will find it open for him.

71 But if they intend to betray you, they sought to betray God before (i.e. they were false to God Himself). So He gave you power over them. And God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise.

72 Indeed, as for those who attained to faith and forsook the domain of evil, and strove hard - with their wealth and lives in God's cause, as well as those who gave (the emigrants) shelter and helped them - they are (truly) allies of one another. But as for those who came to believe without having emigrated, you are in no way responsible for their protection until they emigrate (to you). But if they seek your help (against persecution) in (the matter of) religion, then you must help them, except against a people with whom you have a treaty. And God sees all that you do. 73 And (as for) those who are bent on denying the truth, they are allies of one another. If you fail to do likewise, there will be persecution and great corruption in the land.

74 But (as for) those who attained to faith and forsook the domain of evil, and strove hard in God's cause, as well as those who gave them shelter and support, it is they who are true believers, for them there is forgiveness and an honourable provision. 75 As for those who came to believe afterwards, and forsook the domain of evil, and strove hard (in God's cause together) with you, then those (too) are of you. But (as for) the blood relatives, they are nearer to one another in (accordance with) the Book of God (i.e. as per the decree of God, blood relatives are more entitled to inherit from one another). Indeed, God has full knowledge of everything.

SURAH–9. AT-TAWBAH

1 (This is a declaration of) disassociation by God and His messenger to those who ascribe divinity to others with God (i.e. the polytheists) with whom you had made a treaty. 2 (Announce to the polytheists,) 'So move about freely in this land for four months, but know that you can never escape God (i.e. you can never frustrate the plan of God), and that God will disgrace those who refuse to acknowledge the truth.

3 A declaration from God and His messenger (is herewith made) to the people on the day of the greater pilgrimage that

GOD IS FREE FROM ALL OBLIGATIONS TO THE POLYTHEISTS, AND (SO IS) HIS MESSENGER.

Hence, if you (deniers) repent, it will be better for you. But if you turn away, then know that you can never escape God.' And to those who are bent on denying the truth, give tidings of a painful punishment.

Note: - This verse of the Quran is clearly showing that no one can get a place in the mercy of God by the way of polytheism - never. Polytheism is, in fact, a way showed by Satan. No doubt, one can never reach God by the way showed by Satan.

4 But (as for) those with whom you had made a treaty among the polytheists, and after (the treaty) they did not fail you in anything (i.e. did not violate any of its terms), and they did not support anyone against you, so fulfil your treaty with them until the end of its term. Indeed, God loves those who are conscious of Him. 5 But when the (four) prohibiting months (in which war is forbidden) are once over, then kill the polytheists (who violated their treaties) wherever you find them, seize them, detain them, and lie in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they repent, and keep up the prayer, and give the purifying dues (i.e. Zakah), then set them free, for God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 6 **And if anyone of those who associate partners with God, seek your protection, then grant him protection, so that he might (be able to) hear the words of**

God (from you), thereafter escort him to his secure place. That is because they are a people who do not know (the truth).

Note: - This verse of the Quran clearly shows that Islam is not the ideology of war and violence at all. It is the ideology of peace and spirituality. When the deniers want to wipe out Islam's mission with war and violence, then only Islam allows its followers to defend.

Islam is always in favour of ideological dialogue in peaceful atmosphere. Islam takes its own uncompromising ideological stand, but it never compels anybody to accept it.

7 How can there be a treaty with God and His messenger for those who ascribe divinity to others besides God (i.e. polytheists), except for those with whom you entered into a treaty near the Inviolable House of worship? As long as they are true to you, be true to them. (For,) indeed, God loves those who are conscious of Him. 8 How (can there be a treaty with those polytheists who are hostile to you)? When, if they gain dominance over you, they would not respect the ties of kinship with you, nor covenant of protection? They seek to please you with their tongues, while their hearts refuse (their statements), and most of them are defiantly disobedient. 9 They have bartered away God's messages for a trifling gain, and thus they have hindered (people) from His path; evil indeed is what they have done! 10 With regard to believers, they do not respect the ties of kinship or covenant of protection. It is they who are the transgressors. 11 But if they repent, and keep up the prayer and give the purifying dues, then they are your brothers in religion. And We explain Our messages in detail for people (who are willing to) know.

12 But if they break their oaths after their covenant, and revile your religion, then fight the leaders of faithlessness (i.e. the leaders leading towards deception), they have no (regard for their own) pledges. (Fight with them,) so that they may desist. 13 Would you not fight those who broke their oaths, and

conspired to drive out the messenger, **AND IT WAS THEY WHO INITIATED THE WAR AGAINST YOU FIRST?** Do you fear them? Rather it is God Whom you should fear, if you are (truly) believers.

Note: - The Ideology of Islam is the ideology of peace and patience. It is commanded at many places in the Quran to follow the way of peace and patience. These commandments clearly show that Islam never wants to go by the way of war and aggression, but when it is attacked unilaterally by the aggressors, then it allows its followers to defend themselves. In Islam, there is only defensive war, not an aggressive war.

14 So fight them; God will punish them by your hands, and disgrace them, and He will help you to overcome them, and He will soothe the hearts of those who believe, 15 and He will remove the wrath that is in their hearts. And God turns in His mercy to whom He wills. And God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise.

16 (O believers,) do you think that you will be left untested, while God has not yet identified those among you who strive hard (for His cause), and never take anyone as their trusted allies other than God and His messenger, and the believers? And God is Ever-Aware of all that you do.

17 It is not right for those who associate others with God (i.e. the polytheists) to (visit and) tend God's houses of worship, while they are self-confessed deniers of the truth. It is they whose deeds will come to nothing, and they will abide forever in the Fire. 18 Only he should (visit and) tend God's houses of worship who believes in God and the Last Day, and is constant in prayer, and spends in charity, and fears none except God. Such people are most likely to be among the rightly guided! 19 Do you regard (mere) providing of water to the pilgrims and tending of the Inviolable House of worship as being equal to (the deeds of) one who believes in God and the Last Day and strives hard in God's cause? They are not equal in the sight of God. And God does not guide the unjust people.

20 Those who believe, and emigrate (i.e. forsake the domain of evil), and strive hard in God's cause with their wealth and lives - have the highest rank in the sight of God; and it is they who will be successful.

21 Their Lord gives them glad tidings of mercy from Him, and His being pleased (with them), and of the Gardens which await them, full of eternal bliss. 22 They will abide in it forever. Indeed, with God is a great reward.

23 O you who have attained to faith! Do not take your parents and your siblings to be your (trusted) allies if a denial of the truth is dearer to them than faith. And whoever of you takes them as allies, then it is they who are (truly) evildoers. 24 Say, 'If your parents, your children, your siblings, your spouses, your relatives, and the wealth which you have acquired, and the commerce which you fear will decline, and the homes which you like, (if all these) are dearer to you than God and His messenger and striving hard for His cause, then wait until God makes manifest His decree, (and know that) God does not guide the people who are bent on disobeying.

25 Indeed, God has already helped you on many occasions (when you were few), and (He did so, too,) on the Day of Hunayn, when you took pride in your great numbers, but it did not avail you at all, and the earth, despite all its vastness became straitened for you, then you turned back, retreating. 26 Then God sent down His (gift of) inner peace upon His messenger and the believers, and sent down forces (i.e. angels), which you could not see, and He punished those who were bent on denying the truth. For such is the recompense of all who deny the truth. 27 Then after that God will turn in His mercy to whom He wills, for God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 28 O you who have attained to faith! Indeed, those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God - are impure (i.e. the followers of polytheism are spiritually impure), so they will not approach the Inviolable House of worship after this year onwards. And if you fear poverty (due to the slackening of business), then (know that) soon God will enrich you from His

bounty, if He so wills. Indeed, God (alone) is All knowing, Supremely Wise.

29 (And) fight against those who - despite having been given the (divine) Book (earlier) - do not believe in God and in the Last Day, and they do not take as forbidden - what God and His messenger have forbidden, and they do not follow the religion of the truth (which God has enjoined upon them), (fight with them) until they pay the protection tax willingly, and they (become) of those who accept the state of subjection. 30 And the Jews say, 'Ezra is God's son,' while the Christians say, 'The Christ is God's son.' These are but their (baseless) utterances from their mouths; they imitate the assertions of those who denied the truth before them (i.e. the deniers of earlier times). May God destroy them! How can they be deluded (from the truth)?

31 They have taken their rabbis and their monks as well as the Christ - the son of Mary - for their lords besides God, although they had been commanded to worship none but the One (True) God - there does not exist any deity except Him. All Glory be to Him, (Exalted is He) far above what they associate (with Him). 32 They wish to extinguish God's light (i.e. the religion of truth) with their mouths (i.e. with their utterances), but God will not allow this to pass, (because God has willed) to spread His light in all its fullness, however hateful this may be to all those who deny the truth. 33 **IT IS GOD WHO HAS SENT HIS MESSENGER WITH GUIDANCE AND THE RELIGION OF TRUTH, SO THAT HE MAY CAUSE IT TO PREVAIL OVER ALL (FALSE) RELIGIONS (i.e. to prevail ideologically),**

however hateful this may be to those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God. 34 O you who have attained to faith! Indeed, there are many rabbis and monks who devour the wealth of people wrongfully, and hinder (them) from the path of God (- their True Lord). As for those who hoard gold and silver, and do not spend it in God's cause, give them the tidings of a painful torment (in the life to come). 35 On the day when that (hoarded wealth) will be heated up in the Fire of Hell, and their foreheads, and their sides, and their backs will be branded with it, (those sinners will be told,) 'This is what you hoarded for yourselves, now, taste what you used to hoard (for yourselves).'

36 Indeed, the number of the months in the sight of God is twelve (in a year), (it is laid down) in God's Decree since the day when He created the heavens and the earth; (and) out of these, four are sacred. That is the ever-true religion, so do not wrong yourselves during these months. **And fight against those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God (I.E. FIGHT THE POLYTHEISTS) ALL TOGETHER, JUST AS THEY FIGHT AGAINST YOU ALL TOGETHER.** And know that God is with those who are conscious of Him.

Note: - This verse of the Quran clearly shows that believers are allowed to fight against those who fight with them. The path of Islam never starts with the step of fighting, but it starts with an ideological struggle, but during this struggle, those people who do not find any reply to Islamic ideology choose the path of violence and become aggressive, this is the very point where Islam allows its followers to fight with the aggressors.

37 Indeed, the postponing (of sacred months) is but one more (instance of their) refusal to acknowledge the truth, by which those who are bent on denying the truth are led (far) astray.

They declare this (postponing) to be permissible in one year and forbidden in (another) year, in order to conform (outwardly) to the number of months which God has sanctified, and thus they make allowable what God has forbidden. The evil of their deeds is made fair-seeming to them (by Satan). And God does not guide the people who refuse to acknowledge the truth. **38** O you who have attained to faith! What is the matter with you that when you are asked to march forth in the cause of God, you incline heavily to the earth (i.e. you give preference to your home, family, business, etc.)? **Are you pleased with the life of this world in preference to the good of the (eternal) life to come? But (know that) the enjoyment of the life of this world is but a paltry thing when compared with the eternal life to come!** **39** If you do not march forth (for the cause of God), He will punish you with a painful torment, and will replace you with other people, and you cannot harm Him at all. God is Ever-Powerful over all things. **40** (It does not matter) if you (believers) do not support the prophet, for (God will do so - just as) He has already supported him at the time when those who were bent on denying the truth drove him out (of Makkah), (and he was but) one of two, when they both were (hiding) in the cave, he reassured his companion, 'Do not grieve, God is indeed with us.' Then God sent down His (gift of) inner peace upon him, and supported him with such forces (i.e. angels) which you could not see, and God made the word of those who denied the truth the basest, while the word of God remained supreme, for God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.

41 (O believers!) March forth (for the cause of God), whether light or heavy (i.e. whether lightly or heavily armed), and strive hard with your wealth and your lives in God's cause. This is for your own good, if you but knew it. 42 (O prophet!) Had there been (a prospect) of immediate gain and a short journey, they (i.e. hypocrites) would have certainly set out with you, but the distance seemed too far for them. And yet, (after your return) they will swear by God, 'Had we been able to do so, we would have certainly joined you!' (And thus falsely swearing) they are destroying their own selves, and God knows that they are liars indeed!

43 May God pardon you (O prophet)! Why did you grant them permission (to stay at home) before it had become clear to you as to who were sincere (i.e. the truthful ones), and you could be sure of the liars? 44 Those who (truly) believe in God and the Last Day will never ask your permission (i.e. will never ask for any exemption) from striving hard (in God's cause) with their wealth and lives. And God has full knowledge of those who are conscious of Him. 45 Only those ask you for exemption who do not (truly) believe in God and the Last Day, and whose hearts are filled with doubt, so they will continue to waver in their doubts. 46 And if they had been (truly) desirous to march forth (with you), they would have certainly made some (necessary) preparations for it, but God did not like their setting out (and being raised high in His eyes), so He made them lag behind; and it was said to them, 'Stay behind with those (helpless) who stay behind.'

47 Had these (hypocrites) set out with you, they would have increased nothing for you but trouble, and they would have certainly been active in your midst seeking to stir up discord among you. And among you are some who would have (eagerly) listened to them (i.e. discord-promoters), but God has full knowledge of the evildoers. 48 Indeed, even before this time they had tried to stir up discord, and devised plots against you, until the truth was revealed and the command of God prevailed, while they disliked it.

49 And among them is he who says, 'Give me permission (to remain at home), and do not put me to trial.' Verily, such (people) have already fallen into trial. And Hell will certainly encompass all those who refuse to acknowledge the truth! 50 If something good happens to you (O prophet), it distresses them, but if a calamity befalls you, they say, 'Verily, we took our precautions of our matter beforehand!' And they turn away rejoicing. 51 Say, 'Nothing can ever befall us except that which God has decreed for us, He is our Protector; so in God (alone) let the believers put their trust!' 52 Say, 'Are you waiting anything to befall us except one of the two good things (victory in this world or Paradise in the next)? But we expect for you that God will afflict you with a punishment (directly) from Himself, or at our hands? So wait! Of course, we too are waiting with you.'

53 Say, 'Whether you spend willingly or unwillingly, it will never be accepted from you. For you are indeed a people bent on disobeying.' 54 Nothing prevents the acceptance of their spending, except that they are bent on refusing to acknowledge God and His messenger, and that they never come to the prayer except reluctantly, and that they never spend except resentfully. 55 So let not their wealth and their children impress you, God but wants to punish them by these means in this worldly life, and (to cause) their souls to depart while they are (still) denying the truth. 56 And they swear by God that they are of you, while they are not of you at all, rather they are a people who are afraid (to appear in their true colours). 57 If they could find a place of refuge, or (some) caves, or a place to hide, they would indeed rush headlong towards it.

58 And among them are some who find fault with you concerning the (distribution of) charities. If they are given from it, they are pleased, but if they are not given from it, then they get enraged. 59 And yet, (it would be but for their own good) if they were to content themselves with what God and His messenger gave them, and said, 'God is Sufficient for us! God will give us (whatever He wills) out of His bounty, and (will

cause) His messenger (to give us, too). Indeed, to God alone do we turn with hope! 60 The charities are only for the poor and the needy, and for those employed to administer them, and for those whose hearts to be won over (regarding the message of the truth), and for freeing of human beings from bondage, and for those who are (over- burdened) with debts, and (for every struggle) in God's cause, and for (needy) wayfarers, (this is) an ordinance from God, and God is All-Knowing and Supremely Wise.

61 Among them (i.e. among the hypocrites) there are such who hurt the prophet by saying, 'He listens to everyone.' Say, 'Prophet's listening to everyone is good for you, he believes in God and puts his trust in the believers, and is (a manifestation of God's) mercy towards such of you who have (truly) attained to faith. But for those who hurt God's messenger, painful punishment awaits them (in the eternal life). 62 They (i.e. the hypocrites) swear by God in order to please you (O believers), but God and His messenger - it is truly worthier that they should please God (i.e. by following the messenger), if (indeed) they are believers. 63 Do they not know that whoever opposes God and His messenger, that for him there is the Fire of Hell, therein he will abide forever? **THAT IS THE ULTIMATE DISGRACE.**

Note: - Those who have chosen the path of opposing God and His messenger are leading themselves towards the destination of tremendous and eternal disgrace. This disgrace will be their eternal fate, and they will never be able to escape from it. No doubt, the path of opposing God and His messenger is the path of destroying oneself.

64 The hypocrites are afraid that a (new) chapter may be revealed about them, exposing what is (really) in their hearts. Say, 'Go on mocking, God will certainly bring to light the very thing that you are being afraid of.' 65 Yet, (indeed,) if you question them, they will surely answer, 'We were just chatting and having fun.' Say, 'Was it God, His messages, and His

messenger that you ridiculed?' 66 Make no excuses! You have indeed denied the truth after (having professed) your belief (in it). Though We pardon some of you (i.e. those who will repent), We will punish others (among you), because they have been sinners.

67 The hypocrites both men and women are all alike. They enjoin (the doing of) what is wrong, and forbid (the doing of) what is right, and they withhold their hands (from spending for the cause of God). They neglected God, so He neglected them. Indeed, the hypocrites, it is they who are bent on disobeying. 68 God has promised the hypocrites, both men and women - as well as to those who are bent on denying the truth - the Fire of Hell, wherein they will abide forever. It will be enough (recompense) for them. For God has condemned them; and for them there will be an everlasting punishment. 69 (Say to them, 'You hypocrites are) like those (deniers of the truth) who (lived) before your time, who were far greater than you in power, and richer in wealth and children; and they enjoyed their share (of happiness in this life), and you too have enjoyed your share just as those who preceded you enjoyed their share; and you have indulged in idle talk just as they indulged in it. It is they whose deeds have come to nothing in this world and in the eternal life to come - it is they who will be the losers.' 70 Has there not come to them (i.e. the hypocrites and the deniers of the truth) the news of those (destroyed) before them, (the news of) the people of Noah, and (the tribes of) Aad and Thamood; and the people of Abraham, and inhabitants of Madyan, and the overturned towns (of Lot)? To (all of) them their messengers had come with clear evidence of the truth (, but they all rejected the messengers). It was not God Who caused them any wrong (by punishing them), but it was they who wronged themselves (by committing sin).

71 And (as for) the believers, both men and women, they are allies of one another. They (all) enjoin (the doing of) what is right, and forbid (the doing of) what is wrong, and keep up the prayer, and give the purifying dues, and obey God and His

messenger. It is they upon whom God will bestow His grace. Indeed, God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. 72 God has promised the believers, both men and women, Gardens through which running waters flow, wherein they will abide forever, and (He has promised) blessed dwellings in the Gardens of perpetual bliss, but God's goodly acceptance is the greatest (bliss of all), that is (truly) the ultimate success.

73 O prophet! Strive hard against those who are bent on denying the truth and the hypocrites, and be stern with them. And (if they do not repent,) their abode will be Hell, and what a terrible destination! 74 (The hypocrites) swear by God that they said nothing (wrong); while most certainly they uttered the words of the denial of the truth, and they (thus) denied the truth after their (pretence of) self-surrender to God, and planned (a plot) which they could not carry out. They (i.e. hypocrites) were resentful only because God and His messenger have enriched them (i.e. believers) out of His grace. So if they repent, it will be better for them, and if they turn away, God will punish them with a painful torment in this world and in the eternal life to come, and they will find none on earth as a protector or helper.

75 And among them are such who made a covenant with God, (saying,) 'If He gives us out of His bounty, we will most certainly spend in charity, and will most certainly be among the righteous.' 76 But when He did give them out of His bounty, they became niggardly with it and turned away (from the covenant) in aversion. 77 So (as a result) God caused hypocrisy to take root in their hearts - (therein to remain) until the Day on which they will meet Him, because they failed to fulfil their word to God, and because they used to (persistently) lie. 78 Do they not know that God knows (all) their secrets and their private conversations, and that God knows fully all the things that are beyond the reach of human understanding. 79 (It is these hypocrites) who find fault with such of the believers who give in charities (freely for the sake of God), and taunt those who find nothing (to spend in God's cause) except their own

efforts; so they mock at them (i.e. at such believers), but it is God Who throws back their mockery at them (i.e. at the mockers), and a painful torment awaits them. 80 (O prophet!) Whether you seek forgiveness for them or not (it is all equal), even if you seek forgiveness for them seventy times, God will never forgive them. That is because that they are bent on denying God and His messenger. And God does not guide those who are bent on disobeying.

81 Those (hypocrites) who stayed behind (i.e. at home) rejoiced in their staying (at home) after (the departure of) the messenger of God, and hated to strive hard with their wealth and their lives in God's cause, and they had (even) said (to the others), 'Do not march forth (to war) in this heat.' Say, 'The Fire of Hell is far hotter!' If only they could understand (this truth)! 82 So let them laugh a little, and (then) they will weep much, as a recompense for what they used to do. 83 Hence, (O prophet!) if God brings you back to a section of them (after the expedition), and then they ask your permission to go forth (to war with you), Say, 'Never will you go forth with me, nor will you ever fight an enemy (together) with me! Behold! You were well-pleased to stay at home on that first occasion, so (now) stay at home with those who (are obliged to) remain behind!' 84 And never will you offer (funeral) prayers for any of them who dies, and never will you stand by his grave (at burial), for, behold, they were bent on denying God and His messenger, and died while they were bent on disobeying.

85 And let not their wealth and their children impress you. God only wants to punish them through these things in (the life of) this world, and (to cause) their souls to depart (while) they are (still) denying the truth. 86 Whenever a chapter (in the Quran) is sent down (saying), 'Believe in God and strive hard with His messenger,' (then) the affluent among them ask you to exempt them, saying, 'Leave us to be with those who stay behind (at home).' 87 They are well-pleased to be with those (helpless) who stay behind (at home), and their hearts are sealed up, so they do not understand (the truth). 88 But the

messenger and those who believed with him strove hard with their wealth and their lives (in God's cause), and it is they for whom the most excellent things await (in the post-death eternal life), and it is they who will be successful. 89 God has prepared for them Gardens through which running waters flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the ultimate success.

90 And those who made excuses of the Bedouins (i.e. Desert-Arabs) came asking (your) permission (to stay behind). Those who were bent on giving the lie to God and His messenger (simply) remained at home. A painful punishment will strike such of them who are bent on denying the truth! 91 (But) no blame will attach to the weak, nor to the sick, nor to those who do not find anything to spend, (if they stay behind,) as long as they are sincere towards God and His messenger. There is not upon the (sincere) doers of good any cause (for blame). And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 92 Nor (will blame attach) to those who, when they came to you (O prophet, with the request) that you provide them with mounts, you said (to them), 'I can find no mounts for you.' (Whereupon) they turned away with their eyes overflowing with tears out of sorrow that they could not find anything to spend (in God's cause). 93 The cause (for blame) is only upon those who ask you for permission (i.e. the exemption), while they are rich. They are well-pleased to be with those (helpless) who stay behind, and God has sealed up their hearts, so that they do not realize (the consequences).

PART – 11 94 They will make excuses to you when you return to them (from the campaign). Say, 'Do not make excuses. We will never believe you, God has already informed us about your affairs. God will see your (future) deeds, and (so will) His messenger. Then you will be brought back to the All-Knower of the unseen and the seen, then He will inform you of whatever you used to do.' 95 When you return to them (O believers!), they will swear to you by God (repeating their excuses), so that you may leave them alone. So leave them alone; indeed, they are impure (i.e. spiritually impure) and their

abode is Hell as a recompense for what they used to do. 96 They will swear to you, so that you may be pleased with them. Even if you are pleased with them, God will never be pleased with the people who are bent on disobeying.

97 (The hypocrites among) the Bedouins (i.e. the Arabs of the desert) are more stubborn in their denial of the truth and hypocrisy, and are the least likely to be aware of the limits of what God has revealed to His messenger; God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. 98 And among the Bedouins are some who consider what they spend as a loss (i.e. penalty), and they wait for some misfortune to encompass you, (but) it is they whom evil fortune will encompass; for God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 99 However, among the Bedouins there are (also) some who believe in God and the Last Day, and regard what they spend (in God's cause) a means of (drawing them) nearer to God, and of (deserving) the prayers of the messenger. Behold, it is a means of nearness (to God) for them. God will soon cause them to enter into His mercy; for God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

100 And as for the first and foremost of those who have forsaken the domain of evil, and of those who have (sheltered and) supported (the faithful), as well as those who followed them sincerely in fair-doing, God is well-pleased with them, and they are well-pleased with Him. And for them He has prepared Gardens through which running waters flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the ultimate success. 101 But among the Bedouins who dwell around you, there are some hypocrites, and among the people of the (prophet's) city (too). They persist in their hypocrisy. You do not know them (O prophet), but We know them. We will cause them to suffer twice (in this world); and then they will be returned to a tremendous punishment (in the eternal life).

102 And (there are) some others who have confessed their sins; they have mixed righteous deeds with others that were evil. It is likely that God will turn to them in mercy. Indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 103 (Hence, O prophet,)

take a charity from their wealth, so that you may purify them thereby and cause them to grow in purity, and pray (to God) for them; your prayer will be a (source of) comfort to them. God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 104 Do they not know that it is God alone Who can accept the repentance of His servants; and receive (their) charities, and that it is God (alone) Who is the Ever-Acceptor of repentance, the Most Merciful. 105 And say (to them, O prophet), 'Act (as you wish)! God will observe your conduct, and (so will) His messenger and the believers. Soon you will be brought back to Him - Who knows the unseen and the seen, then He will (fully) inform you of whatever you used to do.' 106 (There are yet) others (whose matter is) deferred until the command of God (comes), He will either punish them, or turn (again) to them in His mercy, for God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise.

107 And there are those (i.e. hypocrites) who have established a (separate) house of worship (only) to cause harm (to prophet's mission), and to promote apostasy, and (to create) disunity among the believers, and (to provide) an outpost for the one who had warred against God and His messenger before. They will surely swear, 'We did not intend except the good (in establishing the mosque). But God bears witness that they are indeed liars. 108 Never stand (for prayer) in it. Only a house of worship founded from the very first day - upon God-consciousness is worthier for you to stand therein (for prayer), wherein there are men desirous of growing in purity, for God loves those who purify themselves. 109 Which then is better - the one who has founded his building on God-consciousness, and (he has a desire for) His goodly acceptance, or the one who has founded his structure on the brink of a crumbling bank (i.e. which is about to collapse), so it collapsed with him into the Fire of Hell? And God does not guide the wrongdoing people. 110 The structure which hypocrites erected will never cease to be (a source of) unrest in their hearts (i.e. it will never give them conviction, but always remain as a source of doubt) until their hearts are cut into pieces (i.e. stopped). And God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise.

111 **INDEED, GOD HAS PURCHASED FROM THE BELIEVERS THEIR LIVES AND THEIR WEALTH IN RETURN FOR THE PARADISE.** They fight in God's cause, and they kill, or are killed. (It is) a true promise (binding) upon Him in the Torah, and the Gospel, and the Quran. **And who could be truer to his promise than God?** Rejoice, then, in the bargain which you have made with Him. That is (truly) the ultimate success. 112 (That success will be attained by those believers) who turn (to God) in repentance (whenever they have sinned), who worship and praise (Him), who go about in the land (serving His cause), who bow down (before Him), who prostrate themselves (in adoration), who enjoin (the doing of) what is right and forbid (the doing of) what is wrong, who observe the limits set by God. Give (O prophet,) glad tidings (of God's promise) to all the believers.

113 It is not (fitting) for the prophet and those who have attained to faith to seek forgiveness for those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God, even though they were (their) close relatives, after it has become clear to them that they are the inmates of the Hellfire. 114 As far Abraham's prayer for his father's forgiveness, it was only because of a promise which he had made to him, but when it became clear to him that his father had been God's enemy, he disassociated himself from him, (although) Abraham was truly tender-hearted and forbearing. 115 And God will never cause a people to go astray after He has guided them, until He makes clear to them what they must avoid. Indeed, God has full knowledge of everything. 116 Indeed, to God (alone) belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth; He (alone) gives life and causes death. And besides God you have no protector or helper.

117 Indeed, God has turned in His mercy to the prophet, as well as to those who have forsaken the domain of evil (i.e.

those who emigrated for the cause of God), and the supporters who stood by the prophet in the hour of hardship, after some of them were about to lose heart (i.e. were about to deviate from the right path), then He turned to them in His mercy. Indeed, He is Ever-Compassionate, Most Merciful towards them. 118 And (He also turned in His mercy) towards the three (groups of believers) who had stayed behind, (whose guilt distressed them) when the earth, in spite of its vastness, was straitened for them, and their own souls were straitened for them till they realized that there is no refuge from God other than (a return) to Him; and thereupon He turned again to them in His mercy, so that they may repent. For, indeed, God is the Ever-Acceptor of repentance, the Most Merciful.

119 O you who have attained faith! Remain conscious of God, and stand with the truthful. 120 It was not (proper) for the people of the (prophet's) city and for the Bedouins (who live) around them - remain behind after (the departure of) the messenger of God, or to prefer their own lives above his. For whenever they suffer from thirst or weariness or hunger in God's cause, and whenever they take any step which angers those who deny the truth, or inflict any loss upon the enemy, it will be recorded for them (i.e. for the believers) as a righteous deed (in their record-book). Indeed, God does not waste the reward of the (sincere) doers of good. 121 And whenever they spend anything (for the sake of God), be it less or more, and whenever they cross a valley (i.e. move on the earth in God's cause), that is recorded for them (in their record-book as a righteous deed), so that God may grant them the best reward for all that they used to do.

122 And it is not right for the believers to march forth (to battle) all at once. Only a section from each group should march forth, leaving the rest to gain a (deeper) understanding of the faith, then enlighten their companions when they return to them, so that they (too) may take heed for themselves.

123 O you who have attained to faith! Fight against those deniers of the truth who are around you, and let them find in

you harshness (regarding them); and know that God is with those who are conscious of Him. 124 Whenever a chapter is sent down, some of them (i.e. hypocrites mockingly) ask, 'Which of you has this (message) strengthened in his faith?' Now as for those who have attained to faith, it does strengthen them in their faith, and they rejoice (in the glad tidings which God has given them). 125 But as for those in whose hearts is the disease (of hypocrisy and denial of the truth), it only increases them in wickedness upon their wickedness, and they die while (still) refusing to acknowledge the truth. 126 Do they not see that they are put to trial every year once or twice? Yet they do not turn (to God) in repentance, nor do they take heed.
127 And whenever a chapter (of the Quran) is revealed, they look at each other, (asking,) 'Is there anyone watching you?' Then they turn away. God has turned their hearts away (from the truth), for they are a people who do not understand (it).

128 There has certainly come to you a messenger from among yourselves. He is concerned by your suffering, anxious for your well being, and full of kindness and mercy towards the believers. 129 But if those (who are bent on denying the truth) turn away, say, 'God is Sufficient for me! There does not exist any deity except Him (i.e. there is none worthy of worship except the One True God). In Him, I have put my trust. He is the Lord of Great Throne.'

SURAH–10. YUNUS

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Raa. These are the messages of the (heavenly) Book - full of wisdom. 2 Is it astonishing to people that We have revealed (Our message) to a man from among themselves (instructing him), 'Warn people and give glad tidings to those who have attained to faith that for them will be a respectable position with their Lord?' (Yet) the deniers of the truth say, 'Indeed, this (man) is clearly a sorcerer.'

3 **INDEED, YOUR LORD IS (THE ONE TRUE) GOD, Who created the heavens and the earth in six periods, and then established Himself on the throne (of) governing all that exists. There is none that could intercede with Him unless He grants leave (therefor). Such is God - your (True) Lord, so worship Him (alone). Will you not then take admonition?** 4 To Him, you all must return, this is, in truth, God's promise. Indeed, He originates the creation, then He resurrects it, so that He may justly reward those who have attained to faith and done righteous deeds. But those who are bent on denying the truth - for them will be a drink of boiling fluids, and a painful punishment because of their (persistent) refusal to (acknowledge) the truth.

5 It is He Who made the sun a (source of) radiant light, and the moon a light (reflected), and (precisely) determined phases for it, so that you may know the number of years and to measure (time). God has not created this without a purpose. He explains these messages for people of understanding. 6 **INDEED, IN THE ALTERNATION OF THE NIGHT AND THE DAY, AND IN ALL THAT GOD HAS CREATED IN THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH - THERE ARE TRULY (MESSAGEFUL) SIGNS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE GOD-CONSCIOUS.**

7 Indeed, as for those who do not expect that they are bound to meet Us, and are pleased with the life of this world, and feel satisfied with it (i.e. do not look beyond present life), and who are heedless of Our (messageful) signs, 8 for such, their adobe will be the Fire, because of what they used to do. 9 (But,) indeed, as for those who have attained to faith and do

righteous deeds, their Lord will guide them by virtue of their faith. (In the eternal life) running waters will flow at their feet in the Gardens of bliss. 10 (And) in that (state of happiness) they will call out, 'All Glory be to You, O God!' **AND THEIR GREETING THEREIN (FOR EACH OTHER) WILL BE, 'PEACE.' AND THE LAST OF THEIR CALL WILL BE, 'ALL PRAISE (AND GRATITUDE) IS FOR GOD (ALONE) - THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE!'**

Note: - This verse of the Quran clearly shows that the Paradise is the world of peace and spirituality. The members of the Paradise will be ever-peaceful towards each other, and ever-grateful towards God.

11 And if God were to hasten for human beings the evil (which they deserve by their sinning) in the same manner as He hastens for them good, surely their term would have been ended for them. But We leave those who do not expect that they are (bound) to meet Us - in their transgression wandering blindly. 12 Whenever affliction befalls man, he invokes Us (all the time) - whether lying on his side, sitting, or standing; but when We remove from him his affliction, he returns to his old ways (of disobedience) as if he had never cried to Us (to remove) any affliction that befell him! Thus it is made fair seeming to the transgressors what they have been doing.

13 Indeed, We destroyed the generations before you when they (persistently) did evil, although the messengers (sent) to them brought them clear evidence of the truth; but they would refuse to believe (them). This is how We recompense the people who are lost in sin. 14 Then We made you successors in the land after them, so that We might see how you would act.

15 When Our clear messages are conveyed to them, those who do not expect that they are (bound) to meet Us say, 'Bring us a Quran other than this, or make some changes in it.' Say (O prophet), 'It is not for me to change it of my own accord. I only follow what is revealed to me. I truly fear, if I disobeyed my Lord, the torment of a tremendous Day.' 16 Say, 'If God had willed (so), I would not have conveyed this to you, nor would He have brought it to your knowledge. Indeed, I have spent my whole life among you before this (revelation, but I never presented such a divine message to you), will you not then use your reason?' 17 So, who is more unjust than he who fabricates a lie against God, or gives the lie to His messages? Sure it is that the sinners will never succeed.

18 They worship other than (the One True) God that which can neither harm, nor benefit them, **and they say, 'These are our intercessors with God.' Ask (them), 'Do you (think that you could) inform God of anything in the heavens or on the earth that He does not know? All Glory be to Him, and Exalted is He far above what they associate (with Him).** 19 And (know that in the beginning,) whole mankind was once nothing but a single community (i.e. it was not divided in various castes and religions like today), but then they differed among themselves. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord (that He would delay their judgement until the Hereafter), their differences would have been settled (at once).

20 And they (who deny the truth) say, 'Why is it that no (miraculous) sign has been sent down to him from his Lord?' Tell them, 'God alone has the knowledge of the unseen (realities). So wait! Indeed, I too am waiting with you.' 21 And when We let the people taste (Our) mercy after some adversity has afflicted them, behold, they begin to devise (false arguments) against Our messages. Say, 'God is swifter (than

you) in (His deep) devising!' Indeed Our angel-messengers are recording whatever you are devising.

22 It is He Who enables you to travel through land and sea. And when you are sailing on ships, and rejoicing in the favourable wind, then (suddenly) there comes upon those on board a tempest, and waves surge towards them from all sides, and they think that they are encompassed therein (i.e. by death; and then) they cry out to God (at that moment being) sincere in their faith in Him alone, (saying,) 'If You save us from this, we will surely be among the grateful!' 23 But as soon as He rescues them (from this danger), behold! They start to behave on the earth rebelliously, offending against all right. O people! Your rebellion is only against yourselves, (you care only for) the enjoyment of life in this world; (but remember that) in the end to Us you must return, whereupon We will inform you of whatever you used to do.

24 The example of the life of this world is just like rain which We send down from the sky, and which is absorbed by the plants of the earth, from which people and cattle eat, until when the earth takes its adornment, and is fully beautified, and its owners think that they have full control over it, there comes to it Our command by night or by day, and We cause it to become (like) a field mown down, as if it did not flourish the day before. Thus We explain (Our) messages for those who reflect.

25 AND (KNOW THAT) GOD INVITES (MAN) TO THE HOME OF PEACE, AND GUIDES WHOM HE WILLS TO THE STRAIGHT PATH.

26 For those who (sincerely) do good is the best (reward), and (even) more. (On the Day of Resurrection,) neither gloom, nor humiliation will cover their faces. It is they who will be inhabitants of Paradise, they will abide therein forever. 27 As for those who commit evil deeds, the recompense of an evil deed is its equivalent, and humiliation will cover them, and they will have none to defend them against God, (their condition will be -) as if their faces were covered with patches of the night's deep darkness. It is they who will be the inmates of the Fire; they will abide in it forever.

28 And (be mindful of) the Day when We will gather them all together, then We will say to those who associated partners with Us, '(Stay in) your places, you and your (so-called) associate-gods!' Then We will separate them (from one another); and their associate-gods will say (to their ex-devotees), 'It was not us that you used to worship!' 29 Sufficient is God as a witness between us and you that we were totally unaware of your worshipping (us). 30 There (on that Day) every human being will realize what he/she did in the past. **AND ALL HUMAN BEINGS WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO GOD - THEIR TRUE LORD, AND WHATEVER (DEITIES) THEY USED TO FABRICATE WILL VANISH FROM THEIR (IMAGINATION).**

31 (O prophet!) Ask (them), 'Who is it that provides you with sustenance from the heaven and the earth? Or Who is it that has full power over (your) hearing and sight? And Who is

it that brings forth the living out of that which is dead, and brings forth the dead out of that which is alive? And Who is it that governs all that exists? They will (surely) answer, '(It is) God.' Say, 'Will you not then become (fully) conscious of Him?' 32 **SUCH IS GOD - YOUR TRUE LORD, FOR, AFTER THE TRUTH (HAS BEEN FORSAKEN), WHAT IS THERE (LEFT) BUT ERROR? HOW CAN YOU THEN BE TURNED AWAY (FROM THE TRUTH)?** 33 Thus the word of your Lord has come true against those who are bent on disobeying, that they will never believe.

34 (Then) ask (them), 'Can any of those beings to whom you ascribe a share in God's divinity originate the creation and then resurrect it?' Say, 'It is God (alone Who) originates the creation and then resurrects it. How can you then be deluded (from the truth)?' 35 Ask (them), 'Does any of those beings to whom you ascribe a share in God's divinity guide to the truth?' Say, 'It is God (alone) Who guides to the truth. (Who,) then, is more worthy to be followed - the One Who guides to the truth, or he who cannot find himself the right path at all unless he is guided? What is the matter with you, how (ill) do you judge?' 36 For most of them follow nothing but mere assumption. But assumption can never be a substitute for the truth. Indeed, God has full knowledge of all that they do.

37 This Quran is not such (a Book) which could have been produced by anyone other than God. In fact, it confirms the truth of what came before it, and a detailed explanation of the (divine) Book. There is no doubt about it that it is from the Lord of the universe. 38 **Or do they (who are bent on**

denying the truth) claim, 'He (i.e. Muhammad) has fabricated it!' Tell (them), 'Produce then, a chapter of similar merit; and (for this purpose) seek help from whomever you can - other than God - if you are sincere (in your statement).'

39 But they are bent on giving the lie to that of which they could not encompass in knowledge, and its warning has not yet been fulfilled against them. Even thus did those who lived before their time give the lie to the truth; then see how was the end of the evildoers!

40 There are some among them who will believe in it (i.e. the Quran), and among them there are others who will never believe in it. And your Lord is fully Aware of the spreaders of corruption. 41 And (so O prophet,) if they give you the lie, say (to them), 'To me (will be accounted) my doings and to you - your doings. You are not accountable for whatever I do, nor am I accountable for whatever you do.' 42 And among them are some who (pretend to) listen to you, but can you cause the deaf to hear, even though they do not use their reason? 43 And among them are some who (pretend to) look towards you, but can you show the right path to the blind, even though they have no insight (i.e. those who have wilfully become deaf and blind with regard to the truth)? 44 Indeed, God does not wrong people at all, but it is people who wrong themselves.

45 And on the Day when He will gather them, (it will seem to them) as if they had not stayed (in the pre-death world) but an hour of a day, and they will recognize each other. (And) lost indeed will be those who (in their lifetime) considered it a lie that they were (destined) to meet God, (and thus) failed to be the guided ones. 46 (O prophet!) Whether We show you something of what We have warned them (i.e. the deniers of the truth), or cause you to die (before that), in any case, to Us is their return, moreover, God is Ever-Witnessing over whatever they do. 47 Every community has had a messenger; so when their messenger comes (and delivers the message), the matter is

decided between them in all fairness, and never are they wronged.

48 And they (who deny the truth) ask (the believers), 'When will this warning (be fulfilled), if you are truthful?' 49 Say (O prophet), 'It is not within my power (to avert) any harm from, or (bring) any benefit to myself, except what God wills. For every nation is an (appointed) term. When their term arrives, they cannot postpone it for an hour, nor can they hasten it. 50 Say, 'What do you think if a punishment from Him comes upon you by night or by day (will you ever be able to avert it)? Do the sinners realize what they are really asking Him to hasten? 51 Will you believe in it only after it has (actually) overtaken you? (Then you will be asked, 'Do you believe in it) now? But you (always) wanted to hasten it!' 52 Then those who (in their lifetime) were bent on evildoing will be told, 'Taste the everlasting torment! Are you (not) being recompensed except for what you used to do?'

53 And they ask you to inform them, 'Is it true?' Say, 'Yes, by my Lord! Most certainly it is true! And you cannot escape it (i.e. the final reckoning)!' 54 **Any human being who did wrong, if he possessed all that is on the earth, he would surely offer it to ransom himself (on the Day of Judgement, but it would never be accepted). And when they see the torment (that awaits them), they will be unable to express their remorse. They will be judged in all fairness, and they will never be wronged.** 55 No doubt! To God (alone) belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. No doubt! God's promise is (always) true, but most of them do not realize it. 56 It is He Who gives life and causes death, and to Him you will all be returned.

57 O mankind! There has (now) come to you an admonition from your Lord, and (it is) a healing for what is in the hearts, and (it is) guidance and grace for all who believe (in Him).

58 Say, '(This guidance is) by the grace of God and by His mercy, so with that let them rejoice. It is much better than all (the worldly wealth) what they accumulate.' 59 Ask (the pagans), 'Have you ever thought about the provision God has sent down to you, of which you have made some unlawful, and some lawful?' Say, 'Has God permitted you (to do so), or do you fabricate lies against God?' 60 But what do they think - who fabricate lies against God (will they escape the consequences) on the Day of Resurrection? Indeed, God is full of bounty to mankind, yet most of them are not grateful.

61 In whatever condition you may be, and whichever part of the Quran you may recite, and whatever deed you all may do, We are a Witness over you when you are engaged in it. For, not even an atom's weight (of whatever there is) on earth or in the heaven escapes your Lord's knowledge; nor is there anything smaller than that, or larger, but it is (written) in (His) perfect Record. 62 No doubt! There will certainly be no fear for the close servants of God, nor will they grieve. 63 (They are) the ones who have attained to faith, and have (always) been conscious of Him. 64 For them are glad tidings in this worldly life, and in the (post-death) eternal life. There can be no change in the words of God (i.e. His promises are bound to fulfil). That is (truly) the ultimate success. 65 And do not let their words (who deny the truth) grieve you. Indeed, all honour (and power) belongs to God (alone). He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

66 Certainly to God (alone) belongs whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth. Hence, those who invoke (so-called) partners besides (the One True) God - they (in fact) follow nothing but assumptions, and they do nothing but lie. 67 It is He Who made the night for you, so that you may rest in it, and (made) the day giving visibility. Surely, there are (messageful) signs in this for those who listen.

68 (Yet) they Say, 'God has taken to Himself a son!' All Glory be to Him!

HE IS THE SELF-SUFFICIENT ONE.

To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth! You have no authority for this claim. Do you say about God something that you do not know? 69 Say, 'Indeed, those who fabricate a lie against God will never succeed.

Note: - Those who have not discovered the True Creator fabricate baseless things about Him. Who is All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful, Who created the vast universe, and is constantly sustaining it, will He be a needy of a son or offspring? He is the Self-Sufficient One, associating a son or offspring with Him is no doubt an absurd thing.

70 (For the deniers of the truth is a brief) enjoyment in this world, and thereafter to Us is their return, then We will make them taste the severe punishment because of their denial of the truth.

71 And relate to them the story of Noah when he said to his people, 'O my people! If my presence among you and my admonishing to you through God's messages offends you, then know that I have put my trust in God. Decide, then, upon what you are going to do (against me), and (call for your help to) those beings - to whom you ascribe a share in God's divinity; (and once you have chosen your course of action,) then let not be any doubt in your plan. Then carry it out against me (whatever you may have decided), and give me no respite. 72 But if you turn away (from the message which I bear, then remember that) I have never demanded any recompense from you (for delivering the message), my recompense rests with none but God, for I have been commanded to be among those who have submitted themselves to Him.' 73 And yet they gave him the lie! So We saved him and all who stood by him, in the Ark, and We made them successors, and We drowned those who gave the lie to Our messages. Then see how was the end of those who had been warned!

74 And then, after him, We sent forth (other) messengers to their (respective) peoples, and they came to them with clear evidence of the truth; but they were not to believe in that which they had already given the lie. Thus We seal the hearts of the transgressors.

75 And after those (earlier prophets) We sent Moses and Aaron with Our (messageful) signs to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they behaved arrogantly, for they were people lost in sin. 76 So when the truth came to them from Us, they said, 'Indeed, this is nothing but clear sorcery.' 77 Moses said, 'Do you speak thus about the truth when it has come to you (from God)? Can this be sorcery? But sorcerers will never succeed.' 78 (The chiefs) argued, 'Have you come to turn us away from that (faith) upon which we found our forefathers (following), so that you two may become supreme in this land? (But) we will never believe in both of you.'

79 Then Pharaoh commanded, 'Bring before me every skilled sorcerer (of the country). 80 And when the sorcerers came, Moses said to them, 'Cast down whatever you have to cast down.' 81 And when they cast down (their staffs, and thus cast a spell upon the people's eyes), Moses said to them, 'All what you have brought is (nothing but) sorcery. God will indeed bring it to nothing. Truly, God does not support the work of mischief-makers. 82 God establishes the truth by His words, however much the sinners may abhor it.'

83 But none except a few youths of his own people believed in Moses, (while others held back) for the fear of Pharaoh and (for the fear of) their (own) chiefs, lest they should persecute them. For Pharaoh was indeed a tyrant in the land, and he was truly one of those who commit excesses. 84 And Moses said, 'O my people! If you have believed in God, then put your trust in Him, if you have (truly) submitted yourselves to Him. 85 Whereupon they answered, 'In God we have put our trust! O our Lord! Make us not a trial (i.e. the subject of persecution) for the oppressive people. 86 And save us, by Your grace, from the people who deny the truth!'

87 And (thus) did We reveal (Our will) to Moses and his brother, saying, 'Appoint for your people some houses in the city (i.e. in Egypt), and (tell them),' 'Turn your houses into places of worship, and be constant in prayer. And give (O Moses) the glad tidings to the believers.'

88 And Moses prayed, 'O our Lord! You have indeed bestowed upon Pharaoh and his chiefs - splendour and wealth in the life of this world. O our Lord! (By abusing it) they are leading people astray from Your path. O our Lord! Wipe out their wealth and harden their hearts, so that they may not attain to faith until they see the painful punishment.' 89 God answered, 'Your supplication is accepted! So both of you, continue steadfastly on the right path, and do not follow the path of those who have no knowledge (of right and wrong).'

90 And We made the children of Israel pass over the sea; thereupon Pharaoh and his hosts pursued them unjustly and oppressively until (they were overwhelmed by the waters of the sea), when Pharaoh was about to drown, he cried out, 'I have come to believe that there does not exist any deity except Him in whom children of Israel believe, and I am now one of those who submit themselves to God.' 91 (But he was told by God) 'Now! (You have come to believe!) But before this you had always been a rebel (against Us), and you had always been among those who spread corruption. 92 **(NAY,) BUT TODAY, WE WILL PRESERVE YOUR (DEAD) BODY, SO THAT YOU MAY BECOME A (WARNING) SIGN FOR THOSE WHO WILL COME AFTER YOU.** (Yet), most people are indeed heedless of Our (messageful) signs!

Note: - Pharaoh was a tyrant. He rebelled against God; as a result he was ruined. But God saved his dead body as a messageful sign for the coming generations till Doomsday, so

that people may know what is the end of rebellion against God - even though how great tyrant the rebel may be.

The historical presence of Pharaoh's dead body since thousands of years, and the news of the Quran about his dead body, both clearly show that the Quran is from the One Who is the Manager of human history, the All-Knower.

93 Indeed, We settled the children of Israel in an honourable settlement, and provided good things for their sustenance. They did not differ among themselves until (after) knowledge (of the truth) had come to them (i.e. it was only after knowledge had come to them, they began to differ). Indeed, your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning their differences.

94 But if you are in doubt about (the truth of) what We have sent down to you, then ask those who have been reading the (divine) Book (for a long time) before you. Certainly, the truth has now come to you from your Lord. So never be of those who doubt. 95 And never be of those who are bent on giving the lie to God's messages, for then you would be among the losers.

96 Indeed, those against whom your Lord's Decree (of torment) has been justified will never attain to faith, 97 even if every sign (of the truth) comes to them, (they will not believe) until they see the painful punishment. 98 There had never been any town that believed (after seeing the torment) and benefited from its faith, except the people of Jonah. When they came to believe, We removed from them the torment of disgrace (which otherwise would have befallen them) in the life of this world, and allowed them to enjoy their life during the time (allotted to them). 99 **And if your Lord had (so) willed, all (people) who (live on) earth would have certainly attained to faith, every single of them! WILL YOU THEN COMPEL PEOPLE TO BECOME BELIEVERS?**

100 No human being can ever attain to faith except by God's will. He will place the filth (of doubt) upon those who do not use their reason.

Note: - This life being a test to discover the truth, God never compels people to become believers. Freedom of choice is a part of creation plan of God. But none can attain to the truth without following the laws of guidance established by God. For attaining the truth one has to be a sincere seeker, and must use the power of intellect which he has got.

101 Say, 'Look (with the eye of contemplation) at what is in the heavens and the earth.' But the (messageful) signs and warnings are of no avail to those who do not believe. 102 So are they waiting for (anything) except like the days of those who passed away before them (i.e. the same torments that befell those before them)? Say, 'So wait. Indeed, I am with you among those who are waiting.' 103 Then (in the end) We used to save Our messengers and those who attained to faith. For it is an obligation upon Us to save the believers.

104 Say, 'O people! If you are in doubt regarding my religion, then (know that) I do not worship those beings whom you worship besides (the One True) God, but I worship (the True) God alone Who causes you to die. And I have been commanded to be among those who believe (in Him alone). 105 And (I have also been commanded,) 'Set your face towards the (true) faith, sincerely turning away from all that is false, and be not among those who ascribe divinity to other beings besides God; 106 and do not invoke besides God that which can neither benefit you, nor harm you. But if you did so, then you would certainly be one of the wrongdoers.

107 And (know that) if God afflicts you with harm, then

none can remove it except Him; and if He intends good for you, there is none who can repel His bounty; He grants it to whom He wills of His servants. He is the Most Forgiving, and the Most Merciful. **108** Say, 'O people! Verily, the truth from your Lord has now come to you, so whoever chooses to follow the right path, follows it but for his own good; and whoever chooses to go astray, goes but astray to his own loss. And I am not a guardian over you (i.e. I am not accountable for your conduct).

109 And (as for yourself, O prophet,) follow but what is being revealed to you, and be steadfast until God gives His judgement. For He is the Best of all judges.

SURAH–11. HOOD

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Raa. (This is a divine) Book; whose messages are well perfected, and then fully explained by (the One Who is) Supremely Wise and Ever-Aware. **2** (Tell them, O prophet,) 'Worship none but (the One True) God. Indeed, I am sent to you from Him as a warner, and a bearer of glad tidings. **3** And seek forgiveness of your Lord, and turn to Him in repentance. He will grant you a good provision until a term set (by Him is fulfilled), and will bestow His grace on every possessor of virtue! But if you turn away, then I truly fear for you the torment of a dreadful Day. **4** To God you all must return; and He is Ever-Powerful over all things.

5 See, how they cover themselves up to hide (their thoughts) from Him. But even when they cover themselves with their garments, He knows what they conceal and what they reveal. Indeed, He has full knowledge of what is (hidden) in the hearts (of people).

PART – 12 **6 There is not a creature that moves on earth, whose sustenance is not provided by God.** And He knows its place of dwelling and its place of rest. Everything is (written) in a perfect Record.

7 And it is the One (True God) Who created the heavens and the earth in six periods (ever since He willed to create life,) and His throne was upon water, (He created you O man,) in order to test you (and thus to make manifest that) which of you is best in conduct. But if you say (to people), 'You will certainly be resurrected after death,' those who are bent on denying the truth will surely say, 'This is nothing but clear sorcery.' 8 And if We delay their punishment until an appointed time, they will definitely say, 'What is preventing it (from coming now)?' No doubt, on the Day when it will come upon them, it will not be averted from them, and they will be overwhelmed by the very thing which they used to ridicule.

9 And if We let man taste some of Our grace, and then take it away from him, he becomes utterly desperate, forgetting all gratitude (for Our past favours). 10 But if We let him taste a favour after hardship has afflicted him, he will definitely say, 'Gone is all affliction from me!' (Then) he surely becomes exultant and boastful, 11 except those who are steadfast and do righteous deeds, it is they who will have forgiveness and a great reward.

12 (O prophet!) You may (feel the inclination) to leave aside a part of what is revealed to you (because the deniers of the truth dislike it, and) because your heart is distressed at their saying, 'Why has not a treasure been sent down to him, or (why has not) an angel come (visibly) with him?' But (O prophet) you are only a warner. And God is Guardian over everything. 13 Or do they say, 'He (i.e. the prophet) has fabricated this (Quran) himself?' Say, 'If you are truthful, produce, then, ten chapters of similar merit, fabricated (by

yourselves), and (to this end) call (to your help) whomever you can, other than God. 14 But if they (whom you have called to your help) are not able to help you, then know that this (Quran) has been sent down with God's knowledge, and that there does not exist any deity except Him (i.e. except the One True God). Will you (not) then submit yourselves to Him?'

15 Those who desire (only) this worldly life and its luxuries, we will recompense them in full for their deeds in this (life), and they will not be deprived (of their just due) therein. 16 It is they who, in the eternal life to come, will have nothing but the Fire; and whatever they did in this life has gone in vain, and worthless is what they used to do.

17 (Can such people be compared to) the one (who has believed and) stands on clear evidence from his Lord, backed by (the Quran as) a witness from Him, and before it was the Book of Moses as a guide and (a source of) mercy? Those (who understand this message - it is they who truly) believe in it. But whoever denies its truth from the sects - the Fire will be his promised (recompense). So (O prophet!) do not be in doubt about it. It is certainly the truth from your Lord, yet most people do not believe (in it).

18 And who can be more unjust than the one who fabricates a lie against God? Such people will be presented before their Lord, and the witnesses will say, 'These are the ones who lied against their Lord.' No doubt! God's condemnation is on the evildoers - 19 those who hinder others from the path of God, and seek to make it appear crooked - since it is they who refuse to acknowledge the truth of the eternal life! 20 (Even though they are free till a set term, but) they can never be able to frustrate (His plan) on earth, nor will they have any protectors besides God. Their punishment will be doubled, for they could neither hear (the message of the truth sincerely), nor could they

see (the messageful signs). 21 It is they who have ruined their own selves, and (on the Day of Resurrection), all what they used to fabricate will have forsaken them. 22 Undoubtedly, it is they who will be the worst losers in the eternal life to come.

23 Indeed, those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, and humble themselves before their Lord, it is they who are the inhabitants of Paradise, they will abide in it forever. 24 The similitude of the two groups is that of the blind and the deaf, compared to the seeing and hearing. Can the two be equal? Will you not then take admonition?

25 And We had certainly sent Noah to his people (as Our messenger); (He said,) 'I am indeed a clear warner to you. 26 Worship none but (the One True) God. I truly fear lest torment befall you on a painful Day.' 27 But the chiefs of his people, who refused to acknowledge the truth, answered, 'We do not see you but as a human being like ourselves, and we do not see that anyone has followed you except the ones who are the lowliest of us (i.e. most abject among us), and are immature in judgement. And we do not see that you could be in any way superior to us, rather, we think you are (of the) liars.'

28 Noah said, 'O my people! What do you think, if I stand on clear evidence from my Lord, and He has granted me mercy from Himself (i.e. revealed His message), to which you have remained blind, can we force you to accept it, while you are averse to it? 29 And O my people! I do not ask you for any benefit in return for this (message), my recompense rests with none but God. And I will never drive away those who have attained to faith. They will indeed meet their Lord. But I see that you are an ignorant people (who have no awareness of right and wrong)! 30 O my people! Who would protect me from God if I drove them away? Will you not then take admonition?' 31 'And I do not say to you that I possess God's treasures, nor (do I say), I have the knowledge of the unseen (realities), nor, do I claim that I am an angel, nor do I say concerning those upon whom you look with contempt that God will never

bestow any good upon them. God knows best what is in their hearts. (If I did so,) then I would surely be of the evildoers.'

32 (But the chiefs) said, 'O Noah, you have argued with us, and argued too much. So bring down upon us what you threaten us with, if you are of the truthful!' 33 Noah answered, 'It is only God Who can bring it upon you, if He so wills, then you will not be able to escape it. 34 And my advice will not benefit you, no matter how sincerely I desire to give you (good) advice - if God wills to let you go astray. He is your Lord, and to Him you will all be returned.'

35 Or do they say, 'He himself has fabricated this Quran?' Say (O prophet), 'If I have done so, then upon me will be the burden of (its) sin, but I am free of the sins that you commit.'

36 And it was revealed to Noah, 'None of your people will believe, except those who have already attained to faith. So do not be distressed by what they have been doing. 37 And build the Ark under Our observation and according to Our directions, and do not plead with Me concerning those who are bent on evildoing; for they will certainly be drowned. 38 So Noah began to build the Ark, and whenever the chiefs of his people passed by him, they mocked at him. (Thereupon) he said, 'If you are mocking at us (now), indeed, we will soon be mocking at you just as you are mocking at us. 39 But you will soon come to know on whom a punishment will come that will disgrace him, and upon whom will descend an everlasting punishment (in the post-death eternal life).'

40 (So it was,) when Our judgement came to pass and waters gushed forth in torrents, We said (to Noah), Take into the Ark a pair of each kind (of animals i.e. male and female of every species), and your family - except those against whom the word (i.e. the judgement of punishment) has already been passed, and (take on board) all (others) who have attained to faith! But only a few (of Noah's people) believed with him. 41 Noah said (to his followers), 'Embark in this (Ark)! In the name of God will be its (moving) course and its (resting) anchorage. My Lord is indeed Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.'

42 And (so) the Ark moved on with them into waves that were like mountains, Noah called out to his son - who had kept himself apart (from them), 'O my son! Embark (the Ark) with us and do not remain with those who deny the truth.' 43 But he answered, 'I will take refuge on a mountain which will protect me from the water.' (Noah) cried, 'Today there is no protector from God's judgement, except for the one to whom He (Himself) shows mercy!' And the waves rose high between them, and (the son) was among those who were drowned. 44 And it was commanded (by God), 'O earth, swallow up your water, and O sky, withhold (your rain)!' And the water subsided, and the command was fulfilled. And the Ark settled on Mount Judi, and it was proclaimed, 'Away with the evildoing people!'

45 And Noah called out to his Lord, and he said, 'O my Lord! My son is indeed a part of my family, and indeed, Your promise is (always) true, and You are the Most Just of all judges.' 46 God answered, 'O Noah, in fact, he is not a part of your family - he was entirely of unrighteous conduct, so do not ask Me that of which you have no knowledge. Behold, I admonish you not to be among the ignorant.' 47 (Noah) said, 'O my Lord! Surely! I seek refuge with You from asking that of which I have no knowledge. Unless You forgive me, and bestow Your mercy upon me, I will be among the losers.'

48 It was said (by God to Noah), 'O Noah! Get down (from the Ark) with peace from Us, and with (Our) blessings upon you (as well as upon the people who are with you,) and upon the righteous generations which will spring from those who are with you. But (as for the unrighteous) people (that will spring from you), We will allow them to enjoy life (for a little while), thereafter a painful punishment from Us will befall them. 49 This is of the tidings of the unseen (realities) that We reveal to you (O prophet), neither you, nor your people knew it before this. So be steadfast, for, behold, the ultimate outcome (i.e. the eternal good) is (only) for the God-conscious!

50 And to (the tribe of) Aad (We sent) their brother Hood (as Our messenger) He said, 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God alone - there does not exist any deity for you other than Him. You do nothing but fabricate lies (against God). 51 O my people! I do not ask you for this (message) any recompense. My recompense rests with none but Him Who brought me into being. Will you not then use your reason? 52 And O my people! Seek forgiveness of your Lord (for your sins), and turn to Him in repentance. (Whereupon) He will shower upon you heavenly blessings in abundance, and will add strength to your (present) strength, so do not turn away (being persistent) sinners!'

53 They argued, 'O Hood! You have not brought us any clear evidence, we are not going to forsake our deities on your (mere) saying, nor will we believe in you. 54 We can only say that some of our deities have stricken you with evil.' (Whereupon) Hood answered, 'Behold, I call God to witness, and you (too) bear witness that I totally disown those to which you ascribe divinity, 55 other than Him. So scheme against me, all of you together, then give me no respite. 56 I have put my trust in (the One True) God - (Who is) my Lord as well as yours. **THERE IS NO MOVING CREATURE WHICH HE DOES NOT HOLD BY ITS FORELOCK (I.E. COMPLETELY CONTROLS IT). SURELY, STRAIGHT IS MY LORD'S PATH.**

57 But if you (choose to) turn away, then (know that) I have conveyed to you the message with which I was sent to you, and (that) my Lord may replace you with other people, and you cannot harm Him in the least. For my Lord is (Ever-Vigilant)

Guardian over all things. 58 And when Our judgement came to pass, by Our grace We saved Hood and those who believed with him. We saved them (too) from the severe torment (in the eternal life). 59 And that was (the end of the tribe of) Aad, who had rejected their Lord's messages, and rebelled against His messengers, and followed the command of every obstinate tyrant (i.e. the arrogant enemy of the truth). 60 And they were pursued by (God's) rejection in this world, and (also) on the Day of Resurrection (they will be eternally rejected). No doubt! Aad denied their Lord. So away with Aad, the people of Hood!

61 And to (the tribe of) Thamood (We sent) their brother Salih (as Our messenger). He said, 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God alone - there does not exist any deity for you other than Him. It is He Who brought you into being from the earth and settled you upon it. So seek His forgiveness; and turn to Him in repentance. For my Lord is Ever-Near, (and) Ever-Responsive (to the call of whoever calls Him).' 62 They argued, 'O Salih! We truly had high hopes in you before this (i.e. they believed that Salih had the potential to be their future leader). How dare you forbid us to worship what our forefathers used to worship? Behold, we are in disquieting doubt about what you are inviting us to.' 63 He said, 'O my people! Have you (ever) thought if I stand on a clear evidence from my Lord, and He has granted to me mercy (i.e. prophethood) from Himself, then who will come to my help against God if I still disobey Him. (O my people,) so you would not increase me except in loss. 64 And O my people! This she-camel belonging to God is a sign for you, so leave her alone to graze (freely) on God's earth, and do not touch her with harm, lest an instant torment should seize you.' 65 But they hamstrung her. So Salih warned (them), '(Only) for three (more) days, enjoy life in your homes, this is a judgement which will not prove false.' 66 Then when Our judgement came to pass, by Our grace We saved Salih and those who believed with him, and (We saved them too) from the disgrace of (Our rejection on) that Day (when entire mankind will be brought before its Lord). Indeed, your Lord

(alone) is the All-Powerful, the Supreme in might. 67 And the dreadful blast seized those who had been bent on evildoing, then they became fallen prone (i.e. they were found dead) in their homes, 68 as though they had never lived there. No doubt, (the tribe of) Thamood denied their Lord, so away with Thamood!

69 Certainly, there came to Abraham Our angel-messengers with glad tidings (of a son), they greeted (him saying), 'Peace (be upon you),' (and) he answered, '(And upon you too be) peace!' And in a short while he brought a roasted calf (for the guests). 70 But when he saw that their hands not reaching the food, he became suspicious and felt scared of them. They reassured (him), 'Do not be afraid, behold, (we are angels and) we have been sent to the people of Lot.' 71 And his wife, who was standing (nearby), laughed when We gave her the glad tidings (through Our angel-messengers) - of (the birth of) Isaac; and after Isaac, of (his son) Jacob. 72 She wondered, 'Oh, Woe to me! Shall I bear a child (now), when I am an old woman and this husband of mine is an old man? This is truly an astonishing thing!' 73 (The angel-messengers) answered, 'Are you astonished at the command of God? May God's grace and His blessings be upon you, O people of the house (i.e. the family of Abraham)! Indeed, He is Ever-Praiseworthy, Ever-Glorious!'

74 When the fear of Abraham had gone away (regarding the guests); and the glad tidings had been conveyed to him, (then) he began to plead with Us for Lot's people. 75 For Abraham was truly very kind, tender-hearted and (frequently) returning (to God). 76 (But the angel-messengers replied,) 'O Abraham! Desist from this (pleading)! Behold, your Lord's judgement has already gone forth. There will fall upon them a punishment which none can avert!'

77 And when Our angel-messengers came to Lot, he was distressed on their account, and felt straitened for them (i.e. to protect the guests), and he exclaimed, 'This is a terrible day!' 78 And (men of) his people who were used to committing shameful deeds came rushing to him. He pleaded, 'O my

people! Here are my daughters (you can take them in marriage), they are purer for you! So be conscious of God, and do not disgrace me before my guests. Is there not even a single right-minded man among you?' 79 They argued, 'You certainly know that we have no need (i.e. desire) of your daughters, and you know very well what we want.'

80 Lot exclaimed, 'If only I had strength (to resist) you, or I could take refuge in a strong support.' 81 (Whereupon) the angels said, 'O lot! Behold, we are messengers from your Lord! (Therefore) they (i.e. your enemies) can never reach you! So depart with your family during the dark part of night, and none of you should turn to look back; (and take your all family) except your wife. For, behold, she will be afflicted by that which will afflict other (sinners). Indeed, their appointed time is the morning. Is the morning not near?' 82 So when Our judgement came to pass, We turned the (sinful) town upside down, and rained down upon it stones of baked clay, layer upon layer, 83 marked by your Lord (for the punishment of such who are lost in sin). And it is not far from the evildoers (i.e. the evildoers of Makkah).

84 And to (the people of) Madyan (We sent) their brother Shu'ayb. He said, 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God alone - there does not exist any deity for you other than Him. (While dealing with people) do not give short measure and short weight. Behold, I see you in happy state (now), but I truly fear lest torment befall you on a Day that will encompass (you with doom)! 85 Hence, O my people! (Always) give full measure and weight with justice, and do not deprive people of what is (rightfully) theirs; nor act wickedly in the land by spreading corruption. 86 What (rightfully) remains from (the provision of) God is far better for you, if you are (truly) believers. And I am not a guardian over you.'

87 They asked (sarcastically), 'O Shu'ayb! Does your prayer (i.e. your religion) enjoin you that we should forsake what our forefathers worshipped, or that we should give up

dealing with our wealth as we please? And lo! Only you are the forbearing and the right-minded man!'

88 Shu'yab Answered, 'O my people! Have you (ever) thought if I stand on a clear evidence from my Lord, and He has provided me with a good provision from Himself, (so how can I follow your desires)? I do not want to do what I am forbidding you from. I only intend to set things right as far as I can. And my success lies only with God. In Him, I have put my trust, and to Him do I (always) turn. 89 And O my people! Let not your opposition towards me cause you to suffer what was suffered by the people of Noah, or the people of Hood, or the people of Salih. And the people of Lot are not far away from you. 90 Hence, seek forgiveness of your Lord (for your sins), and turn to Him in repentance. (For) my Lord is indeed Most Merciful, Most Affectionate!

91 They threatened, 'O Shu'ayb! We do not understand much of what you say, and we see that you are indeed weak among us. **And if there were not your clan, we would have certainly stoned you (to death), for you are not strong against us.'** 92 **Shu'ayb said 'O my people! Is my clan mightier to you than God? YOU HAVE ABANDONED GOD BEHIND YOUR BACKS (i.e. your lives are not God-oriented at all). Indeed, my Lord encompasses (with His might) all that you do!** 93 And O my people! Persist in your ways, for I (too) will persist in mine. You will soon come to know on whom will come a punishment that will disgrace him; and who (of us) is a liar! So watch, then, (what outcome is to come), behold, I too am watching with you!'

94 And so, when Our judgement came to pass, We saved Shu'ayb and those who believed with him by Our grace, whereas the thunderous blast (of Our punishment) seized those who had been bent on evildoing, so they became fallen prone

(i.e. dead) in their homes; 95 as though they had never lived (and prospered) there. So, away with (the people of) Madyan, (even) as was done away with Thamood (i.e. rejected)!

96 Indeed, We sent Moses with Our (messageful) signs and a clear authority (from Us) 97 to Pharaoh (the king of Egypt) and his chiefs, but they followed (only) the command of Pharaoh, even though the command of Pharaoh was not right (at all). 98 He will be at the forefront of his people on the Day of Resurrection, and will lead them into the Fire. Terrible is the destination towards which they will be led. 99 They were pursued by (God's) rejection in this (world), and (will be eternally overtaken by it) on the Day of Resurrection; terrible is the gift which will be given (to them)!

100 That is from the accounts of the (destroyed) towns, which We relate to you; of them, some are (still) standing (barren), while others have ceased to exist. 101 We did not wrong them, rather they wronged themselves. So their deities whom they invoked other than (the One True) God did not avail them at all, when the command of your Lord came to pass, and they (i.e. their false deities) did not increase them (in anything) other than ruin.

102 Such is the seizure of your Lord when He seizes the towns immersed in wrongdoing. Indeed, His seizure is painful and severe. 103 Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this for those who fear the torment of the eternal life, (and are conscious of the coming of) that Day on which all mankind will be gathered together, and that Day (of Judgement) which will be witnessed (by all human beings), 104 and which We will not delay beyond a term set (by Us). 105 The Day when it arrives, no one will dare to speak except with His permission. Among those some will be wretched, and others blessed.

106 As for those who are wretched, they will be in the Fire; for them there is (nothing but) groaning and wailing. 107 They will abide therein for as long as the heavens and the earth exist, except what your Lord wills. Indeed, your Lord is (the Sovereign) Doer of whatever He wills. 108 And as for those

who are blessed (with happiness by the virtue of their past deeds) will be in Paradise, they will abide therein for as long as the heavens and the earth exist, except what your Lord wills, (it is) a gift uninterrupted. 109 So (O prophet!) do not be in doubt about what these (deniers of the truth) worship; they worship nothing but what their forefathers worshipped before. And We will certainly pay them their share (of punishment) in full, without diminishing anything.

110 Indeed, We had given Moses the (divine) Book (before), but differences arose about it. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord (that He would delay their judgement until the Hereafter), their differences would have been settled (at once), for they are indeed in disquieting doubt about it. 111 And to each of them - your Lord will surely give their full due for whatever (good or evil) deeds they may have done. Behold, He is Ever-Aware of all that they do!

112 So remain firm (on the straight path) as you have been commanded, along with those who have turned (in submission) to God with you, and do not cross the limits, indeed He sees all that you do. 113 And do not incline towards those who are bent on evildoing, lest the Fire (of the Hereafter) seize you. For (then) you would have no protectors except God, nor would you ever be helped (from anywhere). 114 And perform the prayer at the two ends of the day, and in the early hours of the night. Indeed, good deeds wipe out evil deeds. This is a reminder to all who bear (God) in mind. 115 And be steadfast, for, indeed, **God never lets go waste the reward of those who do good with excellence.**

Note: - One can do good with excellence only when he/she does it sincerely and wholeheartedly with the intention of seeking the goodly acceptance of God. Such good deeds can never go waste.

116 Why were there not, among the generations (whom We destroyed) before you - upright men forbidding corruption in the land, except for the few of them whom We saved (because

of their righteousness)? But those who were bent on evildoing (only) pursued the (worldly) luxuries which they were given therein, and thus lost themselves in sinning. 117 For your Lord would never destroy the towns unjustly while its people were reformers.

118 **AND IF YOUR LORD HAD SO WILLED, HE COULD HAVE CERTAINLY MADE MANKIND ONE SINGLE COMMUNITY (FOLLOWING THE RIGHT PATH, BUT) THEY WILL NOT CEASE TO DIFFER (I.E. THEY WILL CERTAINLY FOLLOW THE DIFFERENT PATHS),** 119 except for those upon whom your Lord has bestowed His grace, and for that He has created them all (i.e. for test). But (as for those who refuse to avail themselves of the divine guidance,) that the word of your Lord will be fulfilled, 'Surely, I will fill up the Hell with jinn-beings as well as human beings (deserving for it) all together!'

120 And (O prophet,) each (narration) that We relate to you from the accounts of the (earlier) messengers, so that We may reassure your heart with it. And there has come to you, in these (accounts) - the truth and an admonition, and a reminder for the believers. 121 And say to those who do not believe, 'Persist in your ways, we will certainly persist in ours. 122 And wait (for the outcome), behold we (too) are waiting. 123 The knowledge of the secret of the heavens and the earth belongs to God alone; and to Him will be returned all the matters (for judgement). So worship Him and put your trust in Him (alone). your Lord is never unaware of what you do.

SURAH–12. YUSUF

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Raa. These are the messages of the (divine) Book which is clear (in itself). 2 Indeed, We have sent it down as an Arabic Quran, so that you may encompass it with your reason. 3 We relate to you (O prophet) the best of stories through Our revelation of this Quran, though before this you were totally unaware of it.

4 (Remember) when Joseph said to his father, 'O my dear father! Indeed, I saw (in a dream) eleven stars as well as the sun and the moon; I saw them prostrating to me.' 5 Jacob replied, 'O my dear son! Do not relate your dream to your brothers, lest (out of envy) they plot evil against you. For Satan is man's sworn enemy. 6 (As you have been shown in your dream will certainly happen,) and thus your Lord will choose you, and teach you the interpretation of events, and bestow the full measure of His blessings upon you and upon the family of Jacob, just as He bestowed it in full measure upon your forefathers - Abraham and Isaac before. Truly, your Lord is All-knowing and Supremely Wise.'

7 Indeed, in (the story of) Joseph and his brothers there are (messageful) signs for those who seek (them). 8 When (Joseph's brothers) spoke (thus to one another), 'Indeed, Joseph and his brother (Benjamin) are more beloved to our father than we are, while we are a band of so many. Truly, our father is in evident error.' 9 (Said one of them,) 'Kill Joseph, or cast him away to some (far-off) land, so that your father's attention will (then) be only towards you, then after that you can (repent and) become righteous people.' 10 One of them said, 'Do not kill Joseph, but if you are going to do (something), cast him into the bottom of a well, so that some caravan may pick him up.'

11 (On this, they agreed and went to their father) they said, 'O our father! Why is it that you do not trust us regarding

Joseph, while we are truly his well-wishers? 12 Send him with us tomorrow, so that he may enjoy himself and play. And we will surely keep him safe. 13 Jacob answered, 'Behold, it truly grieves me (to think) that you might take him with you, for I fear that that a wolf may eat him when you are heedless of him.' 14 They said, 'If a wolf ate him, while we were a (strong) band, then indeed, we would be great losers.'

15 So, when they went away with him and agreed to cast him into the bottom of a well, (they did accordingly). And We revealed (this message) to him, ('Do not be afraid,) you will certainly remind them about this deed of theirs (one day), but they will not recognize (who you are).' 16 And at nightfall, the brothers of Joseph returned to their father, weeping. 17 They cried, 'O our father! Behold, we went off racing with one another, and left Joseph with our belongings; and a wolf (came and) ate him. But you will never believe us, even though we are telling the truth.' 18 And they brought Joseph's shirt (stained) with fake blood on it. (After listening to them) Jacob cried, 'Nay, rather your (own) minds must have tempted you to do something (evil)! So (for me now) patience is most fitting (in the sight of God). And it is God (alone) Whose help can be sought against what you claim.

19 And there came a caravan (of travellers) and they sent their water-fetcher (to bring water from the well). He lowered his bucket (in the well). He cried out, 'Oh, what a good news, here is a boy! And they hid him as a piece of merchandise, but God was well aware of all that they were doing. 20 And they sold him for a paltry price - a few dirhams (i.e. for mere few silver coins), thus little did they value him.

21 And the man from Egypt who bought him said to his wife, 'Make his stay (among us) honourable; he may benefit us, or we may adopt him as a son.' And thus We gave Joseph a firm place in the land; (We did this,) so that We might teach him the interpretation of events. And God is always predominant about His affairs (i.e. He is All-Powerful to enforce His purpose); but most people do not know this. 22 And

when Joseph reached maturity, We bestowed upon him the ability to judge as well as knowledge. Thus We reward those who do good with excellence.

23 And (it so happened that) the woman in whose house he was living, (conceived a passion for him, and) tried to seduce him. (One day) she locked the doors (firmly) and said, '(Now) come here (to me), O you.' (But) Joseph answered, 'I seek the refuge of God! Behold, he is my master (i.e. your husband is my master) who has given me good stay.' Indeed, the evildoers do not succeed. 24 She certainly determined (to seduce) him, he would have (also) inclined to her, if he had not seen an evidence (i.e. sign) of his Lord. And thus (it was) that We might avert from him evil and immorality. For he was truly one of Our chosen servants.

25 And they both rushed to the door, and she tore his shirt from the back. They found her husband at the door. (Seeing her husband at the door,) she cried, 'What is the punishment for someone who tried to violate your wife, except that he should be imprisoned, or given a painful punishment?' 26 Joseph exclaimed, 'It was she who tried to seduce me!' And a witness from her own household suggested, 'If his shirt has been torn from the front, then she has spoken the truth, and he is of the liars. 27 But if his shirt has been torn from the back, then she has lied, and he is of the truthful.' 28 So when her husband saw that Joseph's shirt was torn from the back, he said (to her), 'This is certainly guile of you women. Your guile is indeed awesome!' 29 (And he said to Joseph,) 'O Joseph! Ignore this matter.' 'And (O wife!) seek forgiveness for your sin, for it was you who have done wrong.'

30 Some women of the town began to gossip, 'The wife of governor is trying to seduce her slave-boy; love for him has plagued her heart! Indeed, we see her in manifest error.' 31 So when she heard of their gossip (i.e. their malicious talk about her), she invited them and arranged a party for them, and she gave each of them a knife (to cut the foodstuff), then said (to Joseph), 'Come out before them.' When the women saw him,

they were so stunned (by his handsome personality), and they cut their hands (while cutting the foodstuff), they exclaimed, 'Good God! This cannot be a human being, this must be a noble angel!' 32 She said, 'This is the one about whom you reproached me. And I certainly sought to seduce him, but he saved himself. (Now) if he does not do what I bid him (to do), he will certainly be imprisoned, and will be of those humiliated.' 33 (The women tried to convince Joseph to obey the governor's wife, so) Joseph prayed (to God), 'O my Lord! I would rather be in prison than do what these women are inviting me to. Unless You protect me from their guile, I may succumb to them, then I would become one of the ignorant.' 34 So his Lord responded to his prayer, and turned away from him their guile. Indeed, He (alone) is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

35 And so it occurred to those in charge, despite seeing all the proofs (of Joseph's innocence, they thought it right) that he should be imprisoned for some time. 36 And two young men entered the prison along with Joseph. One of them said, 'Behold, I saw myself (in a dream) pressing wine.' And the other said, 'Behold, I saw myself (in a dream) carrying (some) bread on my head from which birds were eating.' (Then both said,) 'Tell us of its interpretation, indeed, we see you of the (sincere) doers of good.'

37 Joseph answered, 'I will inform you of the interpretation of your dreams before the meal which you are provided will come to you. That is a part of the knowledge that my Lord has taught me. I have renounced the faith of the people who do not believe in God; and who refuse to acknowledge the truth of the eternal life. 38 I follow the faith of my forefathers - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and it is not (right) for us to associate anything (or anyone) with God. This is God's grace upon us and upon mankind (i.e. God's guidance), but most people are not grateful.

39 O my fellow-prisoners! ARE MANY DIFFERENT LORDS BETTER, OR THE ONE GOD - THE ALL-DOMINANT?

40 (The fact is that) all that you worship instead of (the One True) God is nothing but (empty) names which you have invented - you and your forefathers, for which God has never sent down any authority. The Judgement (about right and wrong) rests with God alone, (and) He has commanded that you should worship none but Him. This is the (one) ever-true religion; but most people do not realize (it).

41 O my fellow-prisoners! (I tell you the meaning of your dreams) as for one of you, he will (again) serve wine to his master (i.e. the king) as for the other, he will be crucified, and birds will eat from his head. The matter has been decreed about which you inquire. 42 And (thereupon) Joseph said to the one of the two whom he thought would be saved, 'Mention me to your master.' But Satan caused him to forget to mention (Joseph) to his master, so he remained in the prison for several years.

43 And (one day) the king said, 'Behold I saw (in a dream) seven fat cows being eaten up by seven (that were) lean, and seven green ears (of grain), and seven others which were dry. O you chiefs! Explain to me (the meaning of) my dream, if you can interpret dreams.' 44 They answered, '(These are) confused dreams; and we do not know the interpretation of (such) dreams.' 45 (Finally,) the one (of the two) who had been released, (i.e. the surviving ex-prisoner) remembered (Joseph) after a long time, said, 'I can inform you of the real meaning of this (dream); so let me go (to Joseph in the prison).'

46 (Then he came to Joseph in the prison, he said,) 'Joseph, O man of the truth! Explain to us about (the meaning of a

dream in which) the seven fat cows being eaten up by seven lean ones, and seven green ears (of grain), and seven others (that were) dry, (explain the dream,) so that I may return to the people (with your explanation and) that they may come to know.' 47 (Joseph) replied, 'You will grow crops for seven (consecutive) years as usual, so whatever you harvest, leave it in its ears, except for a little which you will eat; 48 then after that (period of seven good years) there will come seven years of great hardship which will consume all that you had stored for them, except for a little that you will set aside (for seed purpose). 49 Then after that will come a year in which people will have abundant rain, and in which they will press (oil and wine as before).

50 And (as soon as Joseph's interpretation was conveyed to the king,) the king said, 'Bring him to me.' But when the (king's) messenger came to him, (Joseph) said, 'Go back to your master and ask him (first to find out the truth) about those women who had cut their hands. Indeed, my Lord (Who) has full knowledge of their guile.' 51 (Thereupon the king sent for those women; and when they came,) he asked, 'What was (the truth of) your affair when you tried to seduce Joseph?' The women answered, 'God forbid! We know nothing indecent about him.' The wife of the governor admitted, 'Now the truth has come to light. It was I who tried to seduce him, (but) he is indeed of the truthful.'

52 (When Joseph learned what happened in the king's palace about him, he said, 'I asked for) this (enquiry), so that (my former) master should know that I did not betray him in his absence, for God does not let the guile of the betrayers to succeed.'

PART – 13 53 'And I do not acquit my soul. Indeed, the human soul (constantly) prompts one to evil, except those on whom my Lord bestows His grace. Indeed, my Lord is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.'

54 And the king said, 'Bring Joseph to me; I will appoint him (as an advisor) exclusively for myself. And when the king spoke to Joseph, he said, 'Indeed, (from) today you will be of high standing with us, and fully trusted in our midst.' 55 Joseph proposed (to the king), 'Put me in charge of the storehouses of the land. I will indeed be (an honest and) knowledgeable custodian.' 56 Thus did We cause Joseph to be established in a position of authority in the land (of Egypt). He could dwell therein wherever he wished. (This is how) We bestow Our mercy on whomever We will. And We never let go waste the reward of those who do good with excellence. 57 But the reward in the eternal life is far better for those who have attained to faith and have always been conscious of Us.

58 And (after some years) the brothers of Joseph came (to Egypt), and appeared before him. Joseph recognized them, but they did not recognize him (i.e. Joseph remained to them unknown). 59 When he made provision for them, he said, '(When you would come here next,) bring to me your brother on your father's side (i.e. your step brother). Do you not see that I give you full measure, and that I am the best of hosts? 60 But if you do not bring him to me, then there will be no measure (of grain) for you from me, nor will you (be allowed to) come near me!' 61 They answered, 'We will try to persuade his father (to send) him (with us); and we will certainly do (our best).'

62 And Joseph ordered his servants, 'Put their merchandise (i.e. the amount paid by them) back into their saddlebags, so that they may find it when they have returned to their families, perhaps they will come again (to Egypt).' 63 So when Joseph's brothers returned to their father, they pleaded, 'O our father! Any (further) measure (of grain) has been denied to us (unless we bring Benjamin with us), so send with us our brother, so that we may receive the measure (of grain). And we will certainly protect him well!' 64 Jacob replied, 'Shall I trust you about him as I trusted you about his brother (Joseph) before?

But (only) God is the Best Protector, and He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy.

65 And when they opened their baggage, they found that their merchandise had been returned to them. They said, 'O our father! What (more) can we desire (than this)? Here is our merchandise, it has been (also) returned to us! (If you send Benjamin with us, we will again) be able to bring more food for our family, and we will protect our brother, and obtain an extra camel-load of grain. That load can be easily secured.' 66 Jacob said, 'I will never send him with you, unless you give me a solemn pledge by God that you will certainly bring him (back) to me, unless you yourselves are encompassed (by a compulsive situation).' Then when they gave him their pledge, Jacob said, 'God is Witness over what we say.'

67 He then instructed (his sons), 'O my sons! Do not enter (the city) all through one gate, but enter through different gates. I cannot help you in any way against (the decree of) God. The judgement rests with none but God. In him, I have put my trust, and let all the faithful put their trust in Him alone.' 68 Then when they entered (Joseph's city) in the manner their father had instructed them, it could not avail them in the least against the plan of God; but it was just a desire of Jacob's heart, which he thus fulfilled (by admonishing). He was indeed a man of knowledge, because of what We had taught him, but most people have no knowledge.

69 When (the sons of Jacob) presented themselves before Joseph, he lodged his brother (Benjamin) with himself. He said, 'Behold, I am your brother (Joseph), so do not grieve about whatever they have been doing.' 70 When he had provided them with their provisions, he placed the (royal) drinking vessel in his brother's saddle-bag (as a gift). (As they were just about to leave the city) then an announcer called out, '(Stop,) O you people of the caravan! You must be thieves!' 71 Turning towards the announcer and his companions, the brothers asked, 'What is it that you have lost?' 72 They answered, 'We have lost the (royal measuring) bowl. And (a

chief of them said) for the one who brings it will have a camel-load (of grain as reward); and I guarantee it.' 73 Joseph's brothers replied, 'By God, you do know well that we have not come here to cause any trouble in the land, nor are we thieves.' 74 (The staff of the palace) asked (them), 'Then what should be the punishment for it if you are (proved to be) liars?' 75 Joseph's brothers replied, 'Its punishment should be that he in whose saddle-bag it (i.e. the missed item) is found, he (himself) should be enslaved (in recompense). This is how we punish the wrongdoers (who steal).' 76 Thereupon the announcer began (to search) with their bags, before the bag of his brother (i.e. Benjamin), then he brought it out (i.e. the Royal drinking cup) from the bag of his brother. Thus did We plan for Joseph. He could not have taken his brother under the law of the king, except that God so willed. We do raise in ranks whom We will, but above everyone who has knowledge, there is One All-Knower.

77 (As soon as the cup was brought out from Benjamin's bag) the brothers argued, 'If he has stolen, his brother (too i.e. Joseph) had stolen before.' But Joseph suppressed his outrage - revealing nothing to them. He said to himself, 'You are far worse (people) in this respect, and God is fully Aware of (the truth of) what you claim.' 78 They appealed, 'O you O governor! Behold, he has a father (who is) a very old man, so take anyone of us in his place. Indeed, we see that you are one of the (sincere) doers of good.' 79 Joseph answered, 'God forbid that we should take anyone other than the person with whom we found our belongings; in that case, we would surely be unjust.'

80 When they lost all hope of (persuading) him, they secluded themselves in private consultation. The eldest of them said, 'Do you not know that your father has taken from you a solemn pledge in God's name, and before that you failed with regard to Joseph? So I will never depart from this land until my father gives me permission (to do so), or God judges for me, for He is the Best of judges.' 81 (The eldest brother continued,)

'So return to your father and say, O our father! Behold, your son committed theft, but we (can) bear witness to no more than what we know (i.e. we did not see him stealing, but we were informed so). And we were not the guardians of the unseen. 82 Ask (the people of) the town in which we were (at that time), and the caravan with which we have returned. We are certainly telling the truth.'

83 (And when they returned to their father and told him what had happened,) Jacob cried, 'Nay, but it is your own minds that must have instigated you (to do) something (evil). So patience is most fitting (for me). Hopefully, God would (make) them altogether come up to me. Indeed, He (alone) is the All-Knowing, the Supremely Wise.' 84 And he turned away from them, lamenting, 'Alas, poor Joseph!' Jacob's eyes turned white with grief that he was suppressing. 85 The sons said, 'By God, you will never cease remembering Joseph until you become fatally ill, or become of those who perish.' 86 Jacob answered, 'It is only to God that I complain of my deep grief and sorrow, for I know from God something that you do not know. 87 O my sons! Go and (try to) search (earnestly) for Joseph and his brother, and do not despair of God's mercy. Indeed, none but those who deny the truth despair of God's mercy.'

88 (And the sons of Jacob went back to Egypt and to Joseph;) and when they presented themselves before him, they pleaded, 'O you governor! We and our family have been afflicted with adversity, and we have brought only scanty merchandise; but give us a full measure (of grain), and be charitable to us. Behold, God rewards those who are charitable.' 89 He asked 'Do you remember what you did to Joseph and his brother when you were ignorant?' 90 They replied (in shock), 'Are you really Joseph?' 'He answered, '(Yes,) I am Joseph, and this is my brother (Benjamin). God has indeed been gracious to us. **Surely, if one is conscious of Him and is steadfast, then**

indeed, God never lets go waste the reward of those who do good with excellence.'

91 The brothers admitted, 'By God! God has truly preferred you over us, and we were guilty in fact.' 92 Thereupon Joseph said, 'No blame will be there upon you today. May God forgive you (yours sins), for He is the Most Merciful of the merciful! 93 Go with this shirt of mine; and cast it over the face of my father, and he will recover his sight. Then come back to me with your whole family.'

94 **And as soon as the caravan (of Jacob's sons) departed (from Egypt), their father (in Canaan) said (to those around him), 'If you do not consider me weakened in mind, (I would say that) I truly sense the Joseph's fragrance.'**

Note: - The events narrated in the story of Joseph - is the clear testimony of the truth that the Narrator of story is none but the All-Seeing God, Who at the same time was watching the events in Egypt, as well as the events happening in Canaan.

95 They answered, 'By God! You are indeed still lost in your old delusion.' 96 But when the bearer of the glad tidings arrived (with Joseph's shirt), he cast it over Jacob's face, so he regained his eyesight. Jacob then said, 'Did I not tell you that I truly know from God what you do not know?' 97 His sons answered, 'O our father! Pray to God to forgive us our sins; for we were truly guilty.' 98 He said, 'I will pray to my Lord to forgive you. Indeed, He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

99 When they (all arrived in Egypt and) presented themselves before Joseph, he embraced his parents and said, 'Enter Egypt! God willing, safe (and secure).' 100 And he raised his parents to the high place of honour (i.e. made them sit on the throne), and they (all) fell down in prostration to Joseph (out of respect). (Thereupon) Joseph said, 'O my dear father! This is the interpretation of my dream of long ago,

which my Lord has made come true. He was indeed kind to me when He freed me from the prison, and brought you all here from the desert, after Satan has caused discord between me and my brothers. Indeed, my Lord is Unfathomable in (the way He brings about) whatever He wills. Indeed, He (alone) is the All-Knowing, the Supreme in wisdom!'

101 (Then Joseph prayed,) 'O my Lord! You have indeed bestowed upon me (a share of) power, and taught me the interpretation of the events, (O) Originator of the heavens and the earth! You are my Protector in this world and in the eternal world. Cause me to die as one who has (fully) submitted himself to You, and join me with the righteous.'

102 (O prophet!) This account is from the news of the unseen (i.e. the incidents of past), which We are (now) revealing to you, for you were not present with Joseph's brothers when they plotted and agreed upon a plan (against Joseph). 103 But (O prophet,) most people will not become believers despite your strong desire for it, 104 even though you do not ask them for any recompense (for this message). It is but (God's) reminder to all mankind.

105 And how many (messageful) signs are there in the heavens and the earth which they pass by - paying no attention to them! 106 And most of them do not believe in God without (also) ascribing divinity to other beings besides Him. 107 Do they, then, feel themselves secure that the all-embracing punishment by God will not come upon them, or that the Last Hour will not come upon them all of a sudden, while they are not aware of it? 108 Say (O prophet), 'This is my way; I invite (people) to God, on the basis of sure knowledge - I and whoever follows me (does this task of inviting people to God). All glory be to God; and I am not of those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God.'

109 All the messengers We sent before you (O prophet) were only human beings to whom We gave revelations; from among the people of towns. Have these deniers not travelled through the land to see how was the end of those (deniers of the truth who came) before them? Surely the home of the life to come is far better for those who are conscious of God. Will you not then use your reason? 110 (All the earlier messengers had to suffer persecution for a long time;) but at last when those messengers had lost all hope (of their people), and thought that they were certainly rejected (by their people), then there came to them Our help, and whoever We willed was saved, but Our punishment cannot be repelled from the people who are lost in sin.

111 In their stories there is truly a lesson for people of reason. (As for this revelation) it could never be a narration fabricated (by man), rather, it is (a heavenly writ) confirming what came before it, and a detailed explanation of all things, and a guidance and mercy for those who believe.

SURAH–13. AR-RA'D

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Meem, Raa. These are the messages of the (divine) Book. **That which has been revealed to you from your Lord is the truth, yet most people do not believe in it.**

Note: - What is the truth? The truth is the guidance of the True Master of mankind. That is why everyone must realize this fact that ignoring the True Master can never be affordable for human being.

2 It is God Who raised the heavens without pillars that you can see - then established Himself on the throne (of ruling the universe); and He (it is Who) has made the sun and the moon subservient (to His Laws), each running its course for a term set (by Him). He governs all that exists. He explains the

messages, so that you may be certain of the meeting with your Lord.

3 It is He Who spread out the earth (wide), and placed on it firm mountains and rivers; and created therein fruits of every kind in pairs; (and it is) He Who causes the night to cover the day (and vice versa). Indeed, there are signs in this for those who contemplate.

4 And there are on the earth (many) tracts of land neighbouring one another (and widely different from one another too), and there are (on it) vineyards, and fields of grain, and palm trees - some stemming from the same root, others standing alone. They are all irrigated with the same water; yet We cause some of them excel others in taste. Indeed, in all this there are (messageful) signs for people who use their reason.

5 And if you wonder, then (really) wondrous is their question, **'What! When we are reduced to dust (after death), shall we really be raised as a new creation?'** It is they who (thus show that they) are bent on denying their Lord; and it is they who will have shackles (of their own acts) around their necks; and it is they who are the inmates of the Fire; and they will abide therein forever.

6 They challenge you to hasten the punishment instead of (hoping for) the good, although (they should know that) there have (already) been many examples of punishments before them. Now, your Lord is indeed full of forgiveness (i.e. the Most Forgiving) for mankind despite their wrongdoings, but, behold, your Lord is (also) truly Severe in retribution!

7 And they who are bent on denying the truth (refuse to believe and) say, 'Why is it that no (miraculous) sign has been sent down to him from his Lord?' (But O prophet,) you are only a warner; and for every people there is a guide.

8 God knows that which every female bears, and what increases and decreases in the wombs (i.e. He knows of every change within the wombs). And everything with Him is by due

measure. 9 (He is) the All-Knower of the unseen and the seen, the Ever-Great, the Supremely Exalted. 10 It is all alike (to Him) whether any of you speaks secretly or openly, whether one hides in (the darkness of) night or goes freely in broad daylight.

11 Each person has guardian angels before him and behind him, who guard him by the command of God. Indeed, God does not change the condition of a people unless they change what is within themselves (i.e. their own attitude and conduct). And when God intends punishment for a people (as a result of their own evil deeds), then it can never be averted, nor will there be any protector for them besides Him.

12 It is He Who shows you lightening, (causing) fear and hope, and gathers up the heavy clouds (i.e. clouds with rain); 13 and the thunder extols His glory and praises Him, and (so do) the angels in awe of Him. And He (it is Who) sends the thunderbolts, striking with them whomever He wills, yet they dispute about God; He is Tremendous in strength.

14 **Supplicating Him (alone) is the truth. But those (beings) whom the pagans supplicate instead of (the One True) God can never respond to them in any way, (so who supplicate them is) just like someone who stretches out his hands towards water (asking it) to reach his mouth,** but it can never do so. Hence the supplication of those who deny the truth is nothing but an error (i.e. futile).

15 To (the One True) God (alone) prostrates whoever is in the heavens and the earth (i.e. all things and beings are subservient to Him) - willingly or unwillingly, and so do their shadows in the morning and evening. 16 **Ask (them), 'Who is the Sustainer of the heavens and the earth? 'Say, (It is the One True) God.' Ask (them), '(Why then) do you take for your protectors**

instead of Him, who have no power to bring benefit to or avert harm (even) from themselves?' Say, 'Can the blind and the sighted be equal? Or can darkness and light be equal? Or do they (really) believe that there are, side by side with God, other (divine) powers that have created the like of what God creates, so both creations appear to them alike?' Say, '(The One True) God (alone) is the Creator of all things; and He is the One - the All-Dominant.'

17 God sends down rain from the sky, causing the valleys to flow, each according to its capacity, the stream carries scum on its surface, and a similar scum comes up from that (ore) which people melt in the fire in order to make ornaments or utensils. Thus God sets forth (the example of) the truth and falsehood. As for the scum, it is cast away, but that which benefits people remains on the earth. Thus God sets forth the examples.

18 Those who respond to their Lord will have the best reward. But as for those who do not respond to Him; (i.e. for the latter,) even if they possessed all that is on the earth, and twice as much, they would surely offer it to ransom themselves (on the Day of Judgement, but it will be in vain). Those will have the worst reckoning, and their abode is Hell. What a terrible resting place!

19 Can, then, the one who knows that whatever has been sent down to you from your Lord is the truth, be like the one who is blind? It is only those who are endowed with insight take heed - 20 (it is) they who are true to their bond with God, and never break their covenant, 21 who maintain (the ties) that God has commanded to be maintained; and fear their Lord, and are afraid of the terrible reckoning. 22 And those who are steadfast in seeking the pleasure of their Lord, and keep up the

prayer, and spend of whatever We have provided for them - secretly and publicly, and repel evil with good. It is they who will have the ultimate abode (in the eternal life) - 23 the Gardens of perpetual bliss, which they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their parents, their spouses and their offspring. And the angels will come to them from every gate (to welcome them, saying), 24 'Peace be upon you for what you steadfastly endured. How excellent is the ultimate abode!' 25 But as for those who break their covenant with God, after it has been established (in their nature), and break (the ties) that God has commanded to be maintained, and spread corruption in the land, it is they - who are condemned (by God); and for them there is an evil abode.

26 God gives abundant sustenance, or gives it in scant measure, to whomever He wills; and they (who are unaware of the reality of life) rejoice in the worldly life, **ALTHOUGH THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD IS NOTHING BUT A FLEETING PLEASURE COMPARED TO THE (POST-DEATH) ETERNAL LIFE.** 27 Those who are bent on denying the truth (of God's message) say, 'Why is it that no (miraculous) sign has been sent down to him from his Lord?' **SAY, 'BEHOLD, GOD LETS GO ASTRAY WHOM HE WILLS, AND GUIDES TO HIMSELF WHOEVER TURNS TO HIM - 28 those who attain to faith, and whose hearts find tranquillity in the remembrance of God. Surely, it is in the remembrance of God - the hearts find tranquillity.**

29 As for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, for them there will be bliss and a beautiful place of (final) return. 30 Thus We have sent you to a community (O prophet), before which other communities have passed away, so that you

may recite to them what We have revealed to you, yet they deny the Most Gracious. Say, 'He is my Lord, there does not exist any deity except Him. In Him - I put my trust, and to Him I turn (in repentance).'

31 **AND EVEN IF THERE WERE SUCH A QURAN THAT COULD CAUSE MOUNTAINS TO MOVE, OR SPLIT THE EARTH, OR CAUSE THE DEAD TO SPEAK (- THEY WHO ARE BENT ON DENYING THE TRUTH WOULD STILL REFUSE TO BELIEVE IN IT)!** Nay, but God (alone) has the power to decide (all matters). Have, then, they who have attained to faith not yet realized that if God had so willed, He could have easily guided the entire mankind aright? But as for those who are bent on denying the truth, because of their (evil) deeds, (sudden) calamities will always befall them, or will strike close to their homes; (and this will continue) until God's promise (of Resurrection) is fulfilled. For God never fails to fulfil His promise! 32 **There were messengers before you who were also ridiculed, but I granted respite to those (for a while) who were bent on denying the truth, but in the end, I seized them, and how (terrible) was My retribution!**

Note: - Every messenger of God was ridiculed, but God does not punish the ridiculers instantly, whereas He gives them respite, but in the end God Himself will punish the deniers who used to ridicule the messengers of the truth.

Under the name of blasphemy, no one has authority to punish the one who indulges in the act of blasphemy except God. The most important thing which the Quran mentions is that all prophets were ridiculed, but it does not prescribe the punishment to be executed by the Islamic judicial system. Giving a death-penalty is not a simple act,

if it is necessary in the case of blasphemy, then it must have been clearly mentioned in the Quran. In this regard the Quran clearly says that God Himself will punish such deniers and ridiculers.

33 Is then He - Who is Ever-Watchful over everyone and over whatever he does, (equal to their false deities)? Yet pagans ascribe to other beings a share in God's divinity! Say, 'Name them (if you have any evidence about them)! Or do you (really think that you can) inform Him of anything on the earth that He does not know, or are these (your so-called deities) just empty words?' Nay, (the fact is that) to those who are bent on denying the truth, their scheming (against the truth) has been made so fair-seeming (for them) that they are hindered from the (right) path. And he whom God lets go astray can never find any guide. **34** For such, there is punishment in the life of this world; but the punishment in the eternal life is yet more severe; and they will have none to shield them from God.

35 The description of the Paradise promised to those who are conscious of God (is that of a Garden) through which running waters flow; (but unlike an earthly garden) its fruits will be everlasting, and (so will be) its shade. Such is the ultimate outcome for those who are conscious of God, but the ultimate outcome for those who deny the truth is the Fire. **36** And those to whom We had given the (divine) Book (previously), (there are some of them who) rejoice at what has been revealed to you (O prophet), but there are some factions who deny a portion of it. Say, 'I have only been commanded to worship God, and associate none with Him. To Him do I call (people); and to Him is my return.' **37** And thus We have sent down this (divine Book) as an ordinance in Arabic. And if you followed their desires after all the (divine) knowledge that has come to you, you would not have against God any protector or any defender.

38 We certainly sent messengers before you, and We had given them wives and offspring. And it was not (possible) for

any messenger to bring a (miraculous) sign except by God's leave. For every term there is a Decree (from God). 39 God eliminates or confirms what He wills, and with Him is the Master-Record (i.e. in which God has written the destiny of His entire creation). 40 And whether We show you some of what We have warned them, or cause you to pass away (before that), your duty is no more than to deliver the message, and upon Us is the reckoning.

41 Have, then, they (who deny the truth) never yet seen how We come upon (their) land, (gradually) shrinking it from its borders? **IT IS GOD WHO DECREES, THERE IS NONE TO REVERSE HIS DECREE**, and He is quick to settle accounts.

Note: - This is an introduction of the One Who is truly - the Supreme in Might, the Supreme in wisdom. There is none Wise like Him, there is none Mighty like Him.

42 Those (deniers) before them did devise the plans, but the most subtle devising is that of God, He knows what every human being does. Those who deny the truth will soon come to know for whom is the ultimate abode (i.e. the abode of eternal success).

43 And they who are bent on denying the truth, say (to you, O prophet), 'You have not been sent (by God).' Say, 'Sufficient is God as a Witness between me and you, and (he is also a witness) who has the knowledge of the (earlier divine) Book.

SURAH–14. IBRAHIM

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Raa. (This is a heavenly) Book which We have revealed to you, so that you may bring people out of

darkness (of misguidance) into the light (of guidance) by the leave of their Lord - to the path of the Supremely Mighty, the Ever-Praiseworthy - 2 (i.e. the path leading to the One True) God - the One to Whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. And woe to those who deny the truth from a severe torment! 3 Those who love the life of this world more than the eternal life, and hinder (others) from the path of God, and seek to make it (appear) crooked - it is they who have gone far astray. 4 We never sent any messenger but (speaking) in the language of his people, so that he might clearly convey the message (of the truth) to them. Then God lets go astray whom He wills (to go astray), and guides him whom He wills (to be guided). He (alone) is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.

5 And (thus,) indeed, We sent Moses with Our (messageful) signs, (saying,) 'Bring out your people out of darkness into the light, and remind them of God's days (of favour).' Surely in this (reminder) there are messages for everyone who is wholly steadfast and (constantly) grateful.

6 And when Moses said to his people, 'Remember the blessings which God bestowed upon you, when He saved you from Pharaoh's people - who afflicted you with cruel torment - slaughtering your sons, and letting live (only) your women, in that there was a severe trial from your Lord. 7 And (remember) when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful (to Me), I will certainly bestow more favours on you; but if you are ungrateful, (then know that) My punishment is indeed severe.'

8 Moses added, **'IF YOU DENY THE TRUTH, YOU AND ALL WHO ARE ON EARTH, THEN (KNOW THAT) GOD IS INDEED SELF-SUFFICIENT, EVER-PRAISEWORTHY.'**

Note: - An introduction of the One - Who is truly Almighty.

9 Has not reached you the news of those who were before you, the people of Noah, and (the tribes of) Aad, and Thamood

-and those who came after them? **NONE KNOWS THEM (NOW) EXCEPT GOD.** There came to them their messengers with clear evidence of the truth, but (their response was that) they thrust their hands into their mouths saying, 'We totally reject that which you (claim to) have been sent with! And we are certainly in disquieting doubt about what you are inviting us to.'

Note: - This verse of the Quran introduces the Supreme Knower, He alone is such a Knower that for Him the entire history is a open book, not a single moment from the history can be hidden from Him.

10 Their messengers asked (them), 'Can there be any doubt about (the One True) God - the Originator of the heavens and the earth? He invites you, so that He may forgive you your sins, and grant you respite for an appointed term.' They argued, 'You are not but human beings like ourselves! You want to turn us away from what our forefathers used to worship. So bring us a clear authority (of your being God's messengers)!'

11 Their messengers answered them, 'We are indeed human beings like yourselves. But it is God Who bestows His grace (i.e. prophethood) upon whom He wills of His servants. It is not within our power to bring you an authority (i.e. some miraculous sign) unless it be by God's will. And in God (alone) let the believers put their trust. 12 Why should we not put our trust in God, while He has guided us to our ways? We will certainly bear with patience whatever harm you may cause us. So in God (alone) let those who trust put their trust.'

13 But they who denied the truth threatened (thus) to their messengers, 'We will certainly drive you out of our land, or you must return to our religion.' Then their Lord revealed this to the messengers, 'We will certainly destroy the evildoers, 14 and We will certainly cause you to dwell in the land after them; that is for whoever fears standing before Me, and fears My warning!'

15 And they (i.e. the messengers) sought assistance (from God), and every stubborn oppressor was doomed. 16 Hell awaits him, and he will be made to drink putrid water, 17 he will sip it (with difficulty), but will hardly be able to swallow it. **AND DEATH WILL BESET HIM FROM EVERY DIRECTION, YET HE WILL NOT DIE.** And ahead of him will be (yet more) severe torment.

Note: - This will be the recompense of those who were bent on denying the One True God - the True Benefactor. They were getting all gifts from Him, but they kept denying their real Benefactor.

Those who behave like this prove themselves deserving for Hell - where no gift or blessing of God will exist at all. The life of Hell will be the life of suffocation.

18 The example of those who are bent on denying their Lord is that their deeds are like the ashes - which are blown away by (fierce) wind on a stormy day. They will gain nothing from what they did. That is the extreme error. 19 Do you not see that God has created the heavens and the earth in accordance with the truth (i.e. for a true purpose). If He wills, He can eliminate you, and bring (in your place) a new creation; 20 and that is no great matter for God.

21 All (mankind) will appear before God (on the Day of Judgement); then those who were weak (i.e. the followers) will say to those who were arrogant (i.e. their leaders). 'Behold, we were your (dedicated) followers, so can you, then, avail us anything against the punishment by God (i.e. avert from us any part of punishment)?' (And the others) will answer, 'If God had guided us, we would have surely guided you. It is (now) all the same for us whether we suffer patiently or impatiently, **THERE IS NO ESCAPE FOR US.'**

Note: - Hell is such a prison, where there will be only eternal despair, eternal grief, eternal deprivation, but there will be no way out, never.

22 And when everything will have been decided, Satan will say (to his followers), 'Behold, God made you a true promise, and I (too) made you promises, but I deceived you. But I did not have any authority over you, except that I invited you (to the untruth) and you responded to me. So do not blame me, but blame yourselves. (Now) I cannot be your helper, nor can you be my helper. Indeed, I denounce your previous association of me with God. Indeed, for all the evildoers - there is a painful punishment.

23 Those who attained to faith and did righteous deeds will be admitted into Gardens through which running waters flow. They will abide therein forever by their Lord's will, their greeting therein will be, 'Peace!'

24 Do you not see how God sets forth an example? A good word is like a good tree firmly rooted (reaching out) with its branches towards the sky, 25 it brings its fruit every season by the will of its Lord. (Thus) God sets forth examples for people, so that they may take admonition. 26 And the example of an evil word is like an evil tree, uprooted from the surface of the earth, it does not have any stability at all.

27 (Thus,) God grants firmness to those who have attained to faith with the firm word (of faith), both in this worldly life as well as in the eternal life to come; but God lets the wrongdoers go astray. (For) God does whatever He wills.

28 Have you not seen those who exchanged the blessings of God for the denial of the truth, and led their people to the house of destruction? 29 (It is) Hell, in which they will (enter to) burn, an evil place to stay. 30 They have set up equals to God to mislead (people) from His path. Say, 'Enjoy yourselves (in this world for a while), but, indeed, your destination is the Fire.'

31 Say (O prophet) to My servants - who have attained to faith that they should be constant in prayer, and spend (in Our cause) secretly and openly out of what We have provided for them (as sustenance) - before a Day comes when there will be no bargaining, nor any friendship.

32 It is God Who created the heavens and the earth, and sends down rain from the sky, then brings forth from it fruits for your sustenance. He has subjected the ships for your service to sail through the sea by His command, and has subjected the rivers for you. 33 And He has also subjected for you the sun and the moon, both constantly pursuing their courses, and has subjected for you the night and the day. 34 **AND HE HAS GRANTED YOU ALL THAT YOU ASKED HIM FOR. AND IF YOU (TRY TO) COUNT GOD'S BLESSINGS, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO COUNT THEM. (AND YET,) BEHOLD, MAN IS INDEED MOST UNJUST AND MOST UNGRATEFUL.**

35 And (remember) when Abraham Prayed, 'O my Lord! Make this city (i.e. Makkah) secure (i.e. the city of peace), **and keep me and my sons away from worshipping idols. 36 O my Lord! Indeed, these (false objects of worship) have led many people astray!** Hence, (only) he who follows me (in this my faith) is truly of me; and as for him who disobeys me, then indeed, You are Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

Note: - Idol-worship was fabricated by some misguided minds and later transmitted from generation to generation. No doubt, it is illogical, irrational practice which was never authorized by the Lord of universe. If it had been a truly rational and logical thing, the Lord of the universe would have certainly authorized it, then all human beings would have practiced idol-worship. How illogical it is that you mould some idol by your own hands and prostrate before it! Can these idols benefit you, or protect you against any harm?

37 O our Lord! Behold, I have settled some of my offspring in a barren valley, near Your Sacred House, O our Lord, so that they might devote themselves to prayer. So make people's hearts incline towards them, and provide for them fruits (for their sustenance), so that they may be grateful. 38 O our Lord! Indeed, You know what we conceal and what we reveal. Nothing is hidden from God on earth or in the heaven. 39 All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - the One Who has granted me Ishmael and Isaac in my old age. Indeed, my Lord is Ever-Hearing of prayer. 40 (So) O my Lord! Make me one who remains constant in prayer, and (also) from my offspring (raise such who will remain constant in prayer). And O our Lord! Accept my supplication. 41 O our Lord! Forgive me and my parents and all the believers on the Day when the Reckoning will be established.'

42 Never think that God is unaware of what evildoers are doing. He only gives them respite until the Day when their eyes will stare in horror;

43 they will be rushing (in confusion to and fro), with their heads upraised, eyes not blinking and hearts void.

44 And (O prophet,) warn people of the Day when the punishment will come upon them, then who did wrong (in their

lifetime) will cry, 'O our Lord! Grant us respite for a short while, we will respond to Your call, and will follow the messengers.' (But God will answer,) 'Had you not sworn earlier that you would never suffer any decline? 45 And you dwelt in the dwellings of those who had sinned against their own selves, and it had become clear to you how We dealt with them, and We put forth for you (many) examples.' 46 And they had hatched their plots, but their plots were (well) within the sight of God, even though their plots were such as to shake the mountains (God would bring their plots to nothing).

47 **SO NEVER THINK THAT GOD WOULD FAIL TO FULFIL HIS PROMISE WHICH HE GAVE TO HIS MESSENGERS.** Indeed, God is Supreme in might, and Ever-Capable of retribution. 48 (His promise will be fulfilled) on the Day when the earth will be replaced by another earth, and the heavens as well; and all will appear before God, the One - the All-Dominant. 49 And on that Day you will see the sinners, bound together in chains, 50 their garments will be of tar, and the Fire will envelop their faces. 51 (And all will be judged on that Day,) so that God may recompense every human being for what he (or she) did. Indeed, God is quick to settle accounts.` 52 **THIS (QURAN) IS THE MESSAGE FOR ALL MANKIND,** that they may be warned thereby, so that they may know that **HE IS THE ONE AND ONLY (TRUE) GOD,** and so that people of reason may take heed.

SURAH–15. AL-HIJR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Raa. These are the messages of the (heavenly) Book - the clear Quran.

PART – 14 2 (And when God's promise will come to pass,) it may be that those who are (now) bent on denying the truth will wish that if they had submitted themselves to God (in the pre-death life). 3 (So,) leave them to eat and enjoy (life), and let

(their false) hopes distract them; for soon they will realize (the truth). 4 And We have never destroyed any town (instantly for its evildoing), but it had a destined term. 5 (But remember that) no people can advance its appointed term, nor can they delay it.

6 Yet they (who deny the truth) say, 'O you upon whom the (heavenly) Reminder has been sent down, you are surely possessed! 7 Why do you not bring us the angels, if you are of the truthful?' 8 We do not send down the angels except for a just cause, (i.e. to eliminate the untruth), and then they (i.e. the deniers of the truth) would not be given any respite. 9 **IT IS CERTAINLY WE WHO HAVE SENT DOWN THIS (HEAVENLY) REMINDER (I.E. THE QURAN); AND IT IS CERTAINLY WE WHO WILL PRESERVE IT.**

Note: - Preservation of the Quran is not just a matter of faith, but it is a historical truth. The Quran was preserved as it was since its revelation.

10 We did send (messengers) before you (O prophet) among the factions of the earlier peoples. 11 No messenger ever came to them, but they mocked at him.

12 Thus We let it (i.e. the habit of mocking) enter into the hearts of the sinners. 13 They would not believe in this Quran despite (many) examples of those (destroyed ones) have gone before them. 14 And (even) if We opened for them a gate to heaven, and they began ascending through it, 15 (then) they would certainly say, 'Our eyes have only been dazzled. Rather, we have been bewitched.'

16 Indeed, We have set up in the heaven (great) constellations, and We have beautified it (with stars) for the beholders. 17 And We have protected it from every accursed

devil, 18 but if anyone who seeks to eavesdrop (the unknowable), then he is pursued by a clear burning flame.

19 As for the earth - We have spread it out and placed on it firm mountains (as stabilizers), and caused to grow therein everything in due proportion; 20 and We have provided therein a means of livelihood for you (O people!), as well as for all (other living beings) - for whom you are not the providers (of sustenance).

21 And no single thing exists that does not have its treasures (i.e. source) with Us. And We do not send it down except in an appropriate measure. 22 And We send the winds fertilizing, and send down rain from the sky (i.e. from the clouds), and give it to you to drink, and it is not you who could have stored it up (for yourselves).

23 Indeed, it is We Who give life and cause death; and We (alone) are the (eternal) Inheritor (of all things). 24 And We certainly know those who lived before you, and We certainly know those who will come after you. 25 And behold, it is your Lord Who will gather them all together (on the Day of Judgement). Indeed, He is Supremely Wise, All-Knowing.

26 Indeed, We created human being from dry clay, moulded from black mud, 27 and the jinn-being We had created before that from smokeless fire.

28 And (remember) when your Lord said to the angels, 'Indeed, I am going to create a human being from dry clay, moulded from black mud, 29 so when I have fashioned him (in due proportion) and breathed into him of My (created) Spirit, fall down in prostration before him (as a token of respect for him).' 30 So the angels prostrated themselves, all of them together, 31 except Iblees, he refused to be among those who prostrated themselves. 32 God asked, 'O Iblees! What is the matter with you that you did not join those who prostrated themselves?' 33 Iblees replied, 'I am not such that I should prostrate myself to a human being, whom You created from dry clay, moulded from black mud.'

34 God commanded, 'Then get out of this (angelic state), for, behold, you are (henceforth) accursed, 35 and indeed, **the condemnation will be upon you till the Day of Judgement**.'

Note: - Until the Day of Judgement Satan is accursed, but after the Judgement, there will be severe punishment for Satan as well as for his followers.

36 Satan (i.e. Iblees) appealed (to God), 'O my Lord! Grant me a respite until the Day - when all will be raised from dead.' 37 God answered, 'So indeed, (now) you are of those given respite, 38 until the Day (whose) time is appointed.' 39 (Whereupon) Iblees said, 'O my Lord! Because You have misled me, I will surely make (the act of denying the truth) attractive to them (i.e. to mankind) on earth, and I will mislead them all, 40 except Your chosen servants among them.'

41 God said, 'This is the path (which leads) straight to Me. 42 Indeed, over My (sincere) servants you will have no (all binding) authority, except those misguided ones who (choose to) follow you. 43 And Hell is certainly the promised place for all of them. 44 It has seven gates, and for each gate is an assigned portion.'

45 Indeed, those who are conscious of God will be amidst Gardens and springs. 46 (It will be said to them,) 'Enter it in peace and security.' 47 And We will remove whatever unworthy thoughts (or ill feelings) they had in their hearts, (so that they will be like) brothers, (joyfully) seated on couches facing one another. 48 No fatigue will ever touch them therein; and they will never be removed from it. 49 (O prophet!) Inform My servants that I alone am the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful. 50 And (also,) that the punishment (given) by Me (to the sinners) is the most painful punishment.

51 And inform them about the guests of Abraham, 52 when they came to him, they greeted (him with), 'Peace!' Abraham said, 'Behold, we feel afraid of you.' 53 The angels reassured (him), 'Do not be afraid! Indeed, we (have come to) give you

glad tidings of a learned son.' 54 Abraham wondered, 'Do you give me (such) glad tidings although old age has overtaken me? What glad tidings are you giving me?' 55 They answered, 'We give you glad tidings in all truth, so do not be one of those who despair.' 56 Abraham exclaimed, 'Who would despair of his Lord's mercy except those who are misguided?'

57 He added, 'What then is your business (here), O you (heavenly) messengers?' 58 They answered, 'We have actually been sent to a people lost in sin (who are to be destroyed by us), 59 except the family of Lot, we will certainly save them all (from the destruction), 60 except his wife, (of whom God says,) We have decreed that she will be among those who stay behind (with the sinners).'

61 So when the messengers (i.e. the angels of God) came to the family of Lot, 62 he said, 'Behold, you are people unknown (here)!' 63 The angels answered, 'Nay, we have come to you with that (punishment) about which they have been doubting. 64 And we have come to you with the truth, and we are certainly truthful. 65 So (O lot!) set out with your family during a portion of the night, and follow (closely) behind them; and let none of you look back, but keep going to where you are commanded (to go).' 66 And (through Our messengers) We conveyed to Lot (the decree of) that matter, that the root of those (sinners) would be cut off by early morning.

67 And the men of the town came (to Lot) rejoicing. 68 Lot pleaded, 'Behold, these are my guests, so do not embarrass me, 69 but be conscious of God, and do not disgrace me.' 70 They answered, 'Have we not forbidden you from (being the guardian of) anyone?' 71 Lot said, 'Here are my daughters (to marry), if you would be doers (of lawful marriage).'

72 By your life (O prophet!) Indeed, they were wandering blindly in their intoxication (of lust). 73 So the blast (of Our punishment) seized them at sunrise. 74 And We turned those (sinful) towns (of Sodom and Gomorrah) upside down, and rained down upon them stones of baked clay. 75 Indeed, there are (messageful) signs in this for those who can read the signs. 76 Indeed, their ruins (i.e. the traces of the destroyed towns)

still lie along a known route. 77 Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this for those who believe.

78 And (like the people of Lot) the dwellers of the wooded dales (of Madyan, too) were indeed transgressors. 79 So We took retribution from them, and the (ruins of) both (towns) are still on a well-known route. 80 And (likewise,) indeed, the people of the stone valley also gave the lie to (Our) messengers. 81 And We gave them Our (messageful) signs, yet they kept turning away from them. 82 They used to carve out houses in the mountains, (wherein they could live) in security. 83 But the (mighty) blast seized them early in the morning. 84 So, whatever they earned did not avail them.

85 And (remember,) We have not created the heavens and the earth, and all that is between them except for a true purpose. And the Hour is certain to come, so overlook (their evil behaviour) with gracious forgiveness. 86 Indeed, your Lord - He is the Greatest Creator, the All-Knowing.

87 And We have certainly given you, (O prophet), the seven oft-repeated verses and the sublime Quran. 88 Do not turn your eyes (longingly) at the (fleeting) pleasures We have bestowed on (certain) classes of those (who deny the truth); and do not grieve over those (who refuse to heed you), but spread the wings of your tenderness over the believers.

89 And say, 'Behold, I am a clear warner -' 90 (sent to give a warning that We may send down punishment upon them) just as We had sent upon those who divided (their religion), 91 - those who had split divine recitation (i.e. earlier divine Scriptures) into (different) fragments. 92 So by your Lord! We would certainly question them all - 93 for whatever they used to do.

94 So proclaim openly that which you are commanded (to proclaim); and turn away from all those who ascribe divinity to others besides God. 95 We will surely suffice you against those who mock (at you) - 96 who set up other deities with (the One True) God, but they will soon come to know (the truth). 97 And We certainly know that your heart is truly distressed by what

they say. 98 So glorify your Lord with His praise (and gratitude), and be of those who (always) prostrate themselves (to Him), 99 and worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (i.e. death).

SURAH–16. AN-NAHL

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 God's Judgement is (bound) to come, so do not seek to hasten it. All Glory be to Him, and Exalted is He far above what they associate with Him! 2 He sends down the angels with revelations by His command, to whom He wills of His servants (saying), **'WARN (PEOPLE) THAT THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT ME, SO BE CONSCIOUS OF ME (ALONE)!'** 3 He created the heavens and the earth for a true purpose. Exalted is He far above what they associate (with Him)!

4 He created man from a (mere) sperm-drop; yet, (behold,) how he openly challenges (Him, being contentious)! 5 And He has created the cattle for you, as a source of warmth, and (in them) there are many other benefits (for you), and from them you eat. 6 And you find beauty in them when you drive them (home in the evenings), and when you take them out (to graze in the mornings). 7 And they carry your loads to (distant) places, where you could not have reached (with loads) except with great hardship to yourselves. Indeed, your Lord is Ever-Compassionate, Most Merciful. 8 (It is He Who created) horses and mules and donkeys for your transportation and adornment (in your life). **AND (YET,) HE CREATES OTHER THINGS (TOO) WHICH YOU DO NOT KNOW.**

Note: - He alone is the True God Whose creativity and knowledge have no boundaries. The Supreme in wisdom, the Infinite in wisdom.

9 And (being your Creator) it rests with God alone to (clearly) show you the right path, yet there are some paths which deviates from the right path. And if He had so willed, He could have easily imposed guidance upon all of you.

10 It is He Who sends down rain from the sky; from it you drink, and from it grows vegetation on which you graze your cattle. 11 With it He causes to grow for you (various) crops, and olives, and palm trees, and grapes, and all (other) kinds of fruits. Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this for those who reflect!

12 And He has subjected for you the night and the day, the sun and the moon, and the stars (too) have been subjected by His command. Behold, there are (messageful) signs in this for those who use their reason. 13 And whatever He has multiplied for you on earth - (objects) of varied hues (and qualities), indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this for people who take admonition.

14 It is He Who has subjected the sea for you (i.e. Who has made the sea to serve you), so that you may eat from it tender seafood, and you may take out from it ornaments which you wear. You see the ships cleaving their way through it, so that you may seek of His bounty, and so that you may become grateful (towards the True Giver of gifts).

15 And He has set up firm mountains on the earth, lest it sway with you, and (He has made) rivers and pathways (on the earth), so that you may find your way, 16 as well as He has set up (other) landmarks. And by the stars people find their way.

17 Then can He Who creates be equal to the one who cannot create? Will you not then take admonition? 18 AND IF YOU (TRY TO) COUNT THE BLESSINGS OF

GOD, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO COUNT THEM. GOD IS INDEED MOST FORGIVING, MOST MERCIFUL.

Note: - It is unforgivable crime on behalf of human being that he/she does not acknowledge **THE TRUE GIVER OF GIFTS**.

19 **And God knows all that you keep secret as well as all that you disclose.**

Note: - None can be such a knower except the One True God - the All-Knower, the All-Seeing.

20 **BUT THOSE BEINGS WHOM THEY INVOKE BESIDES (THE ONE TRUE) GOD CANNOT CREATE ANYTHING, RATHER THEY THEMSELVES ARE CREATED.**

Note: - This verse of the Quran clearly shows the difference between the True Creator and false deities.

21 Those things (which are falsely believed to be deities) are (in fact) dead, not alive; and they do not (even) know when their followers will be raised from the dead! 22 **YOUR (TRUE) GOD IS ONLY ONE GOD,** but those who do not believe in the eternal life to come, their hearts refuse (to admit the truth), and they are arrogant. 23 Undoubtedly, God knows all that they keep secret as well as all that they disclose. Indeed, He does not like those who are arrogant.

24 And when it is asked to them, 'What is it that your Lord has sent down?' They say, 'Stories of the ancient people.'

25 Hence, on the Day of Resurrection, **THEY WILL BEAR THEIR OWN BURDENS (I.E. SINS) IN FULL, AND SOME OF THE BURDENS OF THOSE WHOM THEY HAVE LED ASTRAY WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE.** Undoubtedly, terrible is that which they will bear.

Note: - Being astray is bad, but leading astray is worst. The leader who leads others astray will be burdened with the sins of his all followers as well as his own. No doubt! How terrible this burden will be! Being a leader is not a simple thing, but it is highly responsible activity in the sight of God.

26 Those (too) who lived before them had plotted (against the truth), but God struck at the (very) foundations of their building, so the roof fell down upon them from above, **AND THE PUNISHMENT CAME UPON THEM FROM WHERE THEY COULD NOT PERCEIVE.**

Note: - None but the Supremely Mighty can do so. Only He has such power to wipe out the sinners from their roots, without their perceiving His plan.

27 Thereafter, on the Day of Resurrection, He will disgrace them and ask, 'Where, now, are those (so-called) beings to whom you ascribed a share in My divinity, for whose sake you used to oppose (My guidance)?' Those who were given the knowledge (of the truth in their lifetime) will say, 'Indeed it is a Day of disgrace and misery for those who were bent on denying the truth (in pre-death life).'

28 Those whom the angels take in death while they are still sinning against themselves, then they will offer submission (saying), 'We did not (mean to) do anything evil. (But angels will reply,) Why not! You did indeed, God has full knowledge of what you used to do. 29 So (now) enter the gates of Hell to abide in it forever.' Evil indeed is the abode of the arrogant.

30 But (when) those who are conscious of God are asked, 'What is it that your Lord has sent down?' They answer, '(He has sent down) the excellent (discourse)!' For those who do good - in this world is good, but the abode of the eternal life

will be far better. How excellent indeed is the home of the God-conscious (in the eternal life)! 31 They will enter the Gardens of perpetual bliss, through which running waters flow, **THEY WILL HAVE THEREIN WHATEVER THEY DESIRE.** Thus God rewards those who are conscious of Him -

> **Note:** - Such life is never possible in this present world of problems. Such life of never-ending bliss is possible only in the Paradise of God, but only for those who remained conscious of Him in this life of trial.

32 those whom the angels take them in death (while they are) in a state of (inner) purity, greeting them thus, 'Peace be upon you! Enter Paradise by virtue of what you used to do (in pre-death life)!'

33 Do they (who deny the truth) but wait for the angels to come to them, or for God's judgement to come up? Thus had behaved those (stubborn sinners) who lived before them; and (when they were destroyed,) it was not God Who wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves. 34 So all the evil that they had done fell (back) upon them, and they were overwhelmed by the very thing that which they used to ridicule.

35 And those who associate others with God argue, 'If God had so willed, we would not have worshipped anything other than Him; neither we, nor our forefathers, nor would we have forbidden anything without (a commandment) from Him. So did those who lived before their time; so is there upon the messengers except clearly delivering (the message)?

36 In every community We did raise up a messenger, (with this message -), **'WORSHIP (THE ONE TRUE) GOD ALONE, AND SHUN THE FALSE DEITIES.'** Then among them there were some whom God graced with

(His) guidance, and among them there were others against whom deviation (from the right path) was established. So travel through the land and observe how was the end of those who gave the lie to the truth. 37 (As for those who are bent on denying the truth,) if you are keen for their guidance, (yet) indeed, God does not guide those whom He finds (deserving) to let go astray, and such will have none to help them (on the Day of Resurrection).

38 And they swear by God their strongest oaths, 'God will never resurrect anyone who dies.' Why not? It is a true promise (binding) upon Him, but most people do not realize it. 39 (He will certainly resurrect them,) so that He may make clear to them what they differed about, and so that those who are bent on denying the truth (of Resurrection) may come to know that they were liars. 40 **INDEED, WHENEVER WE INTEND ANYTHING TO BRING INTO EXISTENCE, WE ONLY SAY TO IT (OUR WORD) 'BE' AND IT COMES INTO EXISTENCE.**

Note: - This is an introduction of the One - Who alone is All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful. Who can create anything by just uttering a word 'be'? Who can be so great except the True Creator?

41 And as for those who forsake the domain of evil for the cause God, after being persecuted, We will surely give them good in this world; and of course, the reward of the eternal life to come will be far better. If they (who stayed behind, and did not migrate for God's cause) could but understand (it). 42 (Those who migrated for God's cause -) (it is) they who are steadfast, and in their Lord they put their trust.

43 And We did not send before you (O prophet), except human beings (as messengers) - to whom We revealed (Our message), so ask the people of (the earlier divine) Reminder, if you do not know. 44 (We sent them) with clear evidence of the truth and (heavenly) scriptures. And (now) We have sent down

to you the Reminder, so that you may make clear to people what has been sent down to them, and that they may reflect.

45 Then, do those who devise evil plots feel secure that God will not cause the earth to swallow them, or that the punishment will not befall them from where they do not perceive? 46 Or (do they think) that He will not seize them during their (daily) activities, then they will not be able to escape (from His seizure); 47 or that He will not seize them gradually (in a state of fear)? But your Lord is truly Ever-Compassionate, Most Merciful. 48 Have they (who deny the truth) not observed the things what God has created, (how) their shadows incline to the right and to the left, prostrating themselves before God, (while) they are (utterly) submissive (to His will)? 49 (For,) before God - prostrates whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth of the living creatures; so do the angels - they do not show arrogance - 50 they fear their Lord above them, and they do what they are commanded.

51 (O people!) God has said, 'Do not take (to worshipping) two (or more) deities. He is the One and Only (True) God. So fear Me alone.' 52 And (only) to Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and the earth; and to Him (alone) obedience is always due. Will you, then, fear anyone other than God?

53 (For,) whatever good thing (i.e. blessing) you have, it comes from God; and whenever any adversity befalls you - then it is to Him - you cry out (for help). 54 But when He removes the adversity from you, behold, some of you starts ascribing divinity to others besides their Lord, 55 showing their ingratitude for what We have given them. Enjoy, (then) your (brief) life, but soon you will come to know (the truth)! 56 They assign a portion of what We have provided for them to those (false deities) they know nothing of. **BY GOD, YOU WILL SURELY BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR WHAT YOU USED TO FABRICATE (AGAINST GOD).**

57 And they ascribe (angels as) daughters to God. All Glory be to Him! But for themselves (they choose) what they desire

(i.e. sons). 58 Whenever one of them is given the tidings of (the birth) of a baby girl, his face darkens, and he suppresses his rage. 59 He hides himself away from his people because of the (self-presumed) bad news given to him, (so he debates within himself) should he keep the (girl-child) with disgrace (which he will have to face in the society), or bury her (alive) in the ground? **NO DOUBT! TERRIBLE IS WHAT THEY JUDGE!**

Note: - The Creator can never discriminate between His creations. In the eye of the Creator both man and woman are equal as far as respect, reward and security is concerned. It is not the Creator Who discriminates between man and woman, because both are His own creations, but it is some people who do so. One who kills a female infant in the womb or after the birth; he, in fact, kills a human being created by God. And killing an innocent human being is such a terrible crime in the eye of God that he has killed the entire mankind.

60 Those who do not believe in the eternal life (after death) have evil attributes, whereas God has the finest attributes; for He (alone) is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.

61 And if God were to seize people (immediately) for their wrongdoing, He would not have left a single living being on earth, but He grants them respite until a term set (by Him), but when the end of their term arrives, they cannot delay it for a moment, nor can they bring it forward.

62 And they ascribe to God what they (themselves) dislike, and their tongues utter the lie that they will have the best (reward from Him). No doubt, for them there is the Fire, and they will be left out (of God's grace).

63 By God, (i.e. God Himself bears witness that O prophet,) We indeed sent (messengers) to nations before you, but Satan made their (evil) deeds fair-seeming to them, so he is their patron today. And for them there is a painful punishment.
64 We have only sent down the (heavenly) Book to you, so that

you can make clear to them that in which they differ, and (We have revealed it) as a guidance and grace for those who believe.

65 God sends down rain from the sky, and with it He revives the earth after it had been lifeless, there is indeed a (messageful) sign for those who (are sincere to) listen.

66 And there is certainly a lesson for you in cattle. We give you to drink from what is in their bellies, (produced) between bowels and blood - pure milk, pleasant to those who drink it. 67 And from the fruits of palm trees and grapes, you derive intoxicants as well as wholesome provision. Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this for those who use their reason!

68 And your Lord inspired the bees, 'Make your homes in the mountains, and in the trees, and in the (structures) what people build; 69 then eat from all the fruits, and follow the paths your Lord has made easy for you.' There comes out of their bellies a drink of different colours, in which there is healing for people. Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this for those who reflect.

70 **(O man!) God has created you; then He causes you to die. And among you is he who is carried to the most feeble stage of life (i.e. extreme old age), so that he may know nothing, after (having had) much knowledge. Indeed, God is All-Knowing, Ever-Powerful.**

Note: - This verse of the Quran is showing the difference between man and God. Man is creation, whereas God is Creator. Man is helpless and cannot have constant control even over his limited knowledge and power. Whatever man has got is not his own, but it has been bestowed, whereas God Himself is the Source of knowledge, power, wisdom, and all good things. That is why He alone is Ever-Knowing, All-Knowing, Ever-Powerful, All-Powerful, All-Seeing, Ever-Seeing, All-Hearing, Ever-Hearing, Ever-Living.

71 God has given some of you more provision than others. But those who have been given more would not share their provision to those whom their right hands possess (i.e. their slaves), so that they (all may) become equal therein. Do they, then, deny the favours of God?

72 And God has made for you spouses of your own kind; and has given you through your spouses - sons and grandsons; and has provided for you sustenance from the good things. Do they still believe in falsehood and deny the favours of God? 73 Yet they worship apart from God - the objects which have no power (to give) them any provision from the heavens and the earth, nor are they capable of doing so. 74 **SO DO NOT INVENT ANY SIMILITUDE FOR GOD. INDEED, GOD KNOWS (ALL), WHEREAS YOU HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE (OF THE EXACT TRUTH).**

75 God sets forth an example of a slave possessed (by his patron) unable to do anything (of his own accord), and there is a (free) man to whom We have provided from Us good provision, and he spends from it (both) secretly and publicly. Can these (two) be equal? **ALL PRAISE (AND GRATITUDE) IS FOR GOD (ALONE), BUT MOST OF THEM DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT.**

76 God sets forth (another) example of two men, one of them is dumb, unable to do anything (of his own accord), while he is wholly dependent (i.e. a burden) upon his master. Wherever his master directs him to, he brings (his master) no good. Can such a person be equal to the one who enjoins the doing of what is right, and himself follows the straight path?

77 And God alone has the knowledge of the unseen of the heavens and the earth (i.e. the realities beyond human understanding), and the coming of the Last Hour is no more than the blink of an eye or even quicker. Indeed, God is All-Powerful over everything.

78 **God has brought you out of your mothers' wombs, while you knew nothing, and He gave you hearing, and sight, and intellect, so that you might be grateful (towards Him).**

Note: - This verse introduces the True Creator of human being as well as the purpose of creation. Every human being is fashioned as a completely unique personality in the sheer darkness of mother's womb. And he is gifted with great capacities and potential, how wonderful it is! The wonderful creation of human being can never be a coincidence. That is why, it is a must for human being to acknowledge his/her Creator. Those who do not acknowledge their creator are doing against the very purpose of their creation. When any created thing or being does not fulfil its purpose, then it deserves to be thrown away as garbage in the dump yard. The eternal dump yard for those who did not fulfil their purpose of life is undoubtedly Hell.

79 **Do they (who deny the truth) not see the birds controlled in the atmosphere of the sky? NONE HOLDS THEM UP EXCEPT GOD. Behold, there are (messageful) signs in this, for those who believe.** 80 And God has made your houses places of rest for you, and He has given you tents (made) from the hides of cattle, easy for you to handle when you travel, and when you camp. (He provides for you) from their wool, fur and hair - furnishings and goods for a period of time (i.e. household goods and articles for use, for a time).

81 And God has made for you, from that which He has created, shadows (i.e. shade); and has given you shelter in the mountains; and He has (also) provided you with (such)

garments which protect you from heat (and cold), as well as such garments (too) which protect you from your (mutual) violence (i.e. battles, etc). Thus He bestows the full measure of His blessings on you, so that you may submit (wholly to Him).
82 But if they turn away (from this message, O prophet, remember that) your duty is only delivering the message (of the truth) clearly.

83 They recognize the favour of God; yet they deny it; and most of them are (truly) ungrateful.

84 And (think of) the Day when We will raise up a witness from every community, **then they who were bent on denying the truth will not be allowed to plead (ignorance), nor will they be asked to make amends.**

Note: - This life (i.e. the pre-death period) is for trial, and the post-death period is the eternal result of this trial. So death of human being is a point of no-return, a point of no-correction. Whatever we can do for our eternal future, we can do right now.

85 And when those who were bent on evildoing will see the punishment, (then they will realize that), it will not be lightened for them (by virtue of their pleading,), nor will they be given any respite.

86 And when those who ascribed partners in God's divinity will see their ascribed partners (on the Day of Judgement), they will exclaim, 'O our Lord! These are the beings to whom we ascribed a share in Your divinity, whom we used to invoke besides You.' But those beings will throw back their word, (saying,) 'You are indeed liars.' 87 **On that Day they will offer total submission to God, and will be lost from them all that they used to fabricate.**

Note: - The day is bound to come when every denier of the truth will surrender before the truth; and entire falsehood will vanish away which the deniers used to fabricate.

88 And those who were bent on denying the truth and hindered (others) from the path of God, We will increase them in punishment over their punishment for that they used to bring about corruption (on the earth).

89 And (think of) the Day when We will raise up in every community a witness over them from among themselves. And We will call you (O Muhammad) to be a witness over these. And We have sent down the Book to you to make everything clear, and as a guidance, and grace, and glad tidings for those who have submitted themselves to God.

90 Behold, God enjoins to do justice, and to adopt good behaviour, and to give relatives (their dues); and He forbids (all) immoral acts, and evil deeds, and oppressive attitude. He admonishes you, so that you may take heed!

91 And (O believers!) be true to your bond with God whenever you bind yourselves by a pledge, and do not break your oaths after having confirmed them, while you have made God a witness over you . Behold, God knows all that you do. 92 Hence, do not be like the woman who (foolishly) untwists her yarn which she (herself) has spun and made strong - into untwisted strands, (be not like this by) using your oaths as a means of deceiving one another, so that one group might gain advantage over the other (i.e. in favour of stronger group). God only tests you by means of this. On the Day of Resurrection He will definitely make it clear to you what you used to differ about.

93 For, if God had so willed, He could have easily made you all one single community (of the obedient); but He lets go astray whom He wills, and guides whom He wills (to be guided). And you will certainly be questioned about whatever you used to do.

94 And do not use your oaths as a means of deceiving one another, lest a foot slip after it has been firm, and then you will

have to taste the evil (consequences) for that you hindered (others) from the path of God; and (in the eternal life after death) you will have a tremendous punishment. 95 And do not barter away your bond with God for a trifling gain! Indeed, what is with God is far better for you, if you only knew (it).

96 **WHATEVER IS WITH YOU IS BOUND TO COME TO AN END, WHEREAS THAT WHICH IS WITH GOD IS EVERLASTING.** And We will certainly give those who remain steadfast - their reward according to the best of what they used to do. 97 **WHOEVER DOES RIGHTEOUS DEEDS, WHETHER MALE OR FEMALE, WHILE HE/SHE IS A BELIEVER, We will surely give him (or her) a good life, and We will surely give them their reward (in the post-death eternal life) according to the best of what they used to do.**

Note: - It is baseless blame against Islam that Islam discriminates between man and woman. The fact is that Islam sees woman just as it sees man. As far as physical and psychological difference between man and woman is concerned, it is a boon for both. They both are complementary for each other. But as far as respect and reward is concerned, both are equal in the eye of Islam. This verse of the Quran is a clear proof of this fact.

98 So whenever you read the Quran, seek God's protection from Satan - the accursed one. 99 Behold, Satan has no power over those who have attained to faith and put their trust in their Lord. 100 He has power only over those who (are willing to)

take him as an ally, and those who (under his influence) ascribe to others a share in God's divinity.

101 And when We replace one message by another - God knows best what He reveals - they (who deny the truth) say, 'You are but a fabricator.' Nay, but (the fact is that) most of them have no knowledge. 102 Say (O prophet), '(The fact regarding the Quran is that) the Holy Spirit (i.e. Gabriel) has brought it down from your Lord with the truth to reassure those who have attained to faith; and it gives guidance and good news to all who have submitted themselves to God.'

103 And We certainly know that they say, 'It is only a human being who teaches him.' But the language of him to whom they refer is foreign - while this Quran is in clear Arabic language. 104 Indeed, as for those who do not believe in God's messages, God will never guide them aright; and for them there is a painful punishment. 105 It is but they who do not believe in God's messages fabricate lies; and it is they who are (in fact) the liars.

106 As for one who denies God after having attained to faith, except the one who is compelled (to utter a word of denying the truth), while his heart remains true to his faith - but the one who embraces the denial of the truth wholeheartedly - upon such people is God's wrath, and for them there is a tremendous punishment. 107 That is because **THEY PREFERRED THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD OVER THE ETERNAL LIFE (AFTER DEATH), and that God never bestows His guidance upon those who choose to deny the truth.** 108 **It is they upon whose hearts, hearing and sight God has set a seal, it is they who are (truly) heedless.**

Note: - Those who preferred the life of this world over the post-death eternal life - God has sealed up their minds, hearing and sight in regard to the truth. It is they who will

grasp anything except the truth, their eyes will see everything except the signs of the truth, their ears will hear everything, but will never listen to the message of the truth sincerely. It means anything can enter into their mind except the truth, i.e. their hearts' doors have been closed for the truth.

109 No doubt, they will surely be the losers in the eternal life (after death).

110 And yet, behold, your Lord (grants His forgiveness) to those who abandoned the domain of evil after being persecuted (just because of their faith), then strove hard (for God's cause) and remained steadfast, behold, after that your Lord is indeed Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. **111** (Be mindful of) the Day when every human being will come (alone) pleading for himself/herself, and every human being will be fully recompensed for whatever he/she did, and they will never be wronged.

112 And God sets forth an example of a town that was secure and content, its provision coming to it abundantly from all quarters, yet it denied the blessings of God (i.e. its inhabitants turned ungrateful towards the bounties of God), so God made them taste the robe of hunger and fear (i.e. all-embracing misery and fear) for what they used to do. **113** And there had certainly come to them a messenger from among themselves, but they gave him the lie. So the torment overtook them while they persisted in wrongdoing.

114 So (O people,) eat of all the lawful and good things - which God has provided for you as sustenance, and be grateful for the blessings of God, if it is Him alone that you (truly) worship. **115** He has only forbidden you (to eat) carrion, blood, the flesh of swine, and that which has been dedicated to other than (the One True) God. But whoever is compelled (by necessity), neither coveting it, nor exceeding his immediate need (i.e. transgressing the limits), then indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. **116** And do not falsely declare with your tongues, 'This is lawful, and that is forbidden' - in order

to fabricate a lie (and attribute it) to God. **INDEED, THOSE WHO FABRICATE A LIE AGAINST GOD WILL NEVER SUCCEED.** 117 **(THEIR) ENJOYMENT OF THIS LIFE IS BRIEF, THEN THEY WILL HAVE A PAINFUL PUNISHMENT.**

118 And We have already related to you what We prohibited to the Jews. We did not wrong them, but it was they who wronged themselves.

119 Behold, your Lord (shows mercy) to those who do evil out of ignorance, then repent after that and mend their ways; behold, after such (repentance) your Lord is indeed Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

120 Indeed, Abraham was an exemplary (spiritual) personality (i.e. a personality with all virtues), (perfectly) obedient to God, turning away from all that is false, and he was not of those who ascribe divinity to others with God. 121 (Abraham was always) grateful for the blessings granted by Him, He chose him and guided him to the straight path; 122 and gave him good in this world, and in the eternal life to come (too), he will indeed be among the righteous. 123 Then We revealed to you (O prophet, saying,) 'Follow the way of Abraham - the upright one (i.e. who turned away from all that is false), and he was not of those who associated others (with God).'

124 (And know that the observance of) the Sabbath was only enjoined on those who differed concerning it. And your Lord will certainly judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning their differences. 125 (O prophet!) Call (people) to the path of your Lord with wisdom and fair admonition, and reason with them in a way that is the best. For, behold, your Lord knows best who has strayed from His path, and He knows best those who are rightly guided.

126 (O believers!) If you (want to) retaliate, then let your retaliation be like of that with which you were afflicted; but if you bear with patience, it is surely best for those who bear with patience. 127 And be patient (O prophet), for your patience is possible only with (the help of) God. And do not grieve over those (who deny the truth), nor be distressed at whatever they plot. 128 For God is certainly with those who are conscious of Him, and (God is with) those who are (sincere) doers of good.

PART – 15

SURAH–17. AL-ISRAA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 All Glory be to the One Who took His servant (i.e. prophet Muhammad) by night from the Inviolable House of worship (at Makkah) to the Remote House of worship (at Jerusalem) whose surroundings We have blessed, so that We may show him some of Our (messageful) signs. For, indeed, He (alone) is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

2 We gave Moses the (heavenly) Book and made it a guidance for the children of Israel, saying, 'Do not take anyone other than Me as a Disposer of affairs. 3 (They were among) the offspring of those whom We carried (in the Ark) with Noah! He was indeed a grateful servant (of Ours).

4 And We warned the children of Israel in the Scripture, 'You will certainly cause corruption in the land twice; and you will certainly act with great insolence. 5 So when the (time of) the first of these warnings came, We caused to rise against you some of Our servants of great might, and they went (ravaging) amidst your residences; and it was a promise bound to be fulfilled. 6 And after a time We allowed you to prevail against them once again, and strengthened you with wealth and offspring, and made you greater in number, 7 (saying,) 'If you do good, you will do it for your own good; but if you do evil, you will do it for your own loss.' Then, when the second warning came to pass, (We permitted your enemies) to disgrace

you utterly, and to enter the place of worship as they had entered it the first time - utterly destroying whatever would fall into their hands. 8 (Then God said,) 'It may be that your Lord will have mercy on you (if you repent); but if you return (to sin), We will return (to punishment). **AND (REMEMBER THAT) WE HAVE MADE HELL A PLACE OF (ETERNAL) DETENTION FOR THOSE WHO DENY THE TRUTH.'**

9 Indeed, this Quran guides to the most upright path and gives the believers who do righteous deeds - the glad tidings - that they will have a great reward. 10 And (it warns) those who do not believe in the (post-death) eternal life (that) We have prepared for them a painful punishment.

Note: - Human being is an eternal being. But those who do not realize this truth and respond the Creator's plan, as it must be responded, will be eternally deprived of all the blessings of the Creator in the next life. Their condition will be like of that fish which will be kept alive, but without water. No doubt, Hell is such a prison - where the blessing of God will not exist at all.

11 And man (hastily) invokes for evil, as he invokes for good, and man is ever-hasty. 12 We established the night and the day as two signs, then We made the sign of the night devoid of light, and We made the sign of the day (perfectly) bright, so that you may seek the bounty of your Lord, and that you may know the number of years, and calculation (of time). And We have explained everything in detail.

13 Every human being's destiny We have tied to his neck; and on the Day of Resurrection We will bring forth for him a record which he will find wide open. 14 (It will be said to him,) 'Read this your record, you (alone) are sufficient today to take account of yourself.' 15 **WHOEVER CHOOSES**

TO FOLLOW THE RIGHT PATH, IT IS ONLY FOR HIS OWN GOOD; AND WHOEVER CHOOSES TO GO ASTRAY, IT IS ONLY FOR HIS OWN LOSS. And no bearer of burdens will be made to bear another's burden (i.e. the burden of sins). (Moreover,) We never punish (a people) until We have sent a messenger (to warn them).

16 And when We decide to destroy a town, We command the affluent section of its people (to become obedient), but they defiantly disobey therein, so the decree (of punishment) becomes justified against it, and We destroy it with complete destruction. 17 And how many (denying) generations We have destroyed after (the time of) Noah! And Sufficient is your Lord as All-Aware and Ever-Beholder of the sins of His servants.

18 Whoever is willing (to gain only the) immediate (transitory benefits of this life), We hasten for him therein whatever We will - to whomever We intend. Then We prepare for him Hell, he will burn therein, condemned and rejected. 19 But whoever desires (to gain) the (success of) eternal life, and strives for it as it should be striven for, while he is a (true) believer, then it is they whose efforts will be appreciated (by God).

20 We provide both - the latter and the former - from the bounty of your Lord, and (in this life of test) the bounty of your Lord is not restricted (for anyone). 21 Look how We have exalted some above others (in the present life). But the (post-death) eternal life is indeed far greater in rank, and far greater in excellence.

22 **DO NOT SET UP ANY OTHER DEITY ALONG WITH (THE ONE TRUE) GOD, OTHERWISE YOU**

WILL END UP CONDEMNED AND ABANDONED. 23 For your Lord has ordained that you will worship none but Him. And do good to (your) parents. If one or both of them reach old age (while) with you, never say to them a word of disrespect, nor scold them, but (always) speak to them with respectful speech. 24 And lower to them the wing of humility, out of mercy, and pray, 'O my Lord! Bestow Your grace upon them as they brought me up (with care, when I was) small. 25 Your Lord knows best whatever is in your minds. If you are righteous, (He will forgive you your errors); for, behold, He is Most Forgiving to those who (constantly) turn (to Him). 26 And give the relative his due, as well as to the poor, and the (needy) wayfarers, but do not spend wastefully. 27 Behold, the wasteful are (like) the brothers of Satans, and Satan is ever-ungrateful to his Lord.

28 And if you turn away from them (i.e. those who are needy, because you yourself are) seeking to obtain your Lord's grace, and hoping for it, then (at least) speak to them with gentle speech.

29 And do not keep your hand tied to your neck (i.e. do not be niggardly), nor outspread it to the utmost limit (i.e. do not be a wasteful), so that you become blameworthy and destitute. 30 Indeed, your Lord gives abundantly to whom He wills, and straitens it (to whom He wills). Indeed, He is fully Aware of (the needs of) His servants, and sees them all.

31 And do not kill your children for fear of poverty, for We provide for them and for you (too). Indeed, killing them is a heinous sin. 32 And do not go near adultery, for it is truly a shameful act, and an evil way.

33 And do not take any human being's life which God has made sacred, except with (legal) right (i.e. in pursuit of justice). Hence, if anyone is killed wrongfully, We have given his heir authority (to exact a just retribution); but (even so,) let him not exceed the bounds (of justice) in exacting retribution (of murder); surely he will be aided (by the law).

34 And do not approach the property of an orphan, except with good (intent, i.e. to improve it), until he reaches maturity. And fulfil the covenant, for you will surely be called to account for every covenant. 35 And give full measure whenever you measure, and weigh with accurate scales; that is fairest, and best in the end.

36 And do not follow that of which you have no (sure) knowledge. Indeed, (your) hearing, and sight, and intellect, (about the usage of) all these, (you) will be called to account (on the Day of Judgement). 37 And (O man!) do not walk on the earth arrogantly; for, indeed, you can never cleave the earth, nor can you reach the mountains in height. 38 The evil of all these actions is detestable in the sight of your Lord.

39 That is of (the) wisdom which your Lord has revealed to you (O prophet). Hence, (O man!) do not set up with (the One True) God any other deity, lest you should be cast into Hell, blameworthy and rejected.

40 (What!) Has then your Lord (O pagans) preferred for you sons, and taken for Himself daughters from among the angels? Indeed, you are making an outrageous claim! 41 Indeed, We have explained (the truth) in this Quran (in various ways), so that they may take heed, but it does not increase them except in aversion. 42 **Say (O prophet), 'If there had been (other) deities along with (the One True) God, as they (i.e. the deniers of the truth) claim, then those deities would have certainly sought a way to (challenge) the Lord of the Throne.** 43 All Glory be to Him, and Highly Exalted is He far above what they claim! 44 The seven heavens and the earth and whatever is in them glorify Him. There is not a single thing but it glorifies Him with His praise, but you (simply) cannot comprehend their glorification. Indeed, He is Most Forbearing, Most Forgiving.

45 And whenever you recite the Quran, We place an invisible barrier between you and those who do not believe in the post-death eternal life, 46 and We have placed coverings over their hearts - leaving them unable to comprehend it, and (We have put) in their ears deafness (for listening the message of the truth). (So,) whenever you mention your Lord alone (as One and Only Divine Being) in the Quran (i.e. while reciting it), they turn their backs (upon you) in aversion.

47 We are fully Aware of what they wish to hear, when they listen to you; (and what they say) when they are in a private conversation, (behold,) these wrongdoers say (to one another), '(If you followed Muhammad, then) you would be following but a man bewitched!' 48 Look how they put forth for you the examples, but (the fact is that) they have gone (far) astray, so they cannot find a way (to the truth now).

49 And they (mockingly) ask, '(What!) When we are reduced to bones and decayed particles (after death), shall we really be resurrected as a new creation?' 50 Say, '(Yes, even if) you turned to stones or iron, (you would surely be raised from the dead), 51 or (any) other substance which is much harder - in your minds (to be raised up).' **THEN THEY WILL ASK (YOU), 'WHO WILL RESTORE US (TO LIFE)?' ANSWER THEM, 'THE ONE WHO ORIGINATED YOU THE FIRST TIME.'** Then they will nod their heads at you and ask, 'When will that be?' Say, 'It may well be very soon.' 52 On the Day He will call you, and you will (instantly) respond by praising Him, thinking that you had not stayed (in the pre-death world) except for a little while.

53 And tell My (believing) servants (that) they should speak only that which is best. Indeed, Satan is (always ready) to stir up discord between people. For Satan is indeed man's sworn enemy.

54 Your Lord is fully Aware of (all of) you, if He (so) wills, He will have mercy on you, or, if He (so) wills, He will punish you. And (O prophet,) We have not sent you as a guardian over them. 55 And your Lord is fully Aware of whoever is in the heavens and the earth. And We have surely graced some prophets over others; and We gave David the Psalms (- the heavenly Book).

56 Say, 'Call upon those (beings) whom you claim (to be deities) besides (the One True) God, (you will find that) they do not have the power to undo harm from you, nor can they avert it from you.' 57 Those (saintly beings) whom they invoke, themselves seek the means for (close) proximity to their Lord, as to which of them should be closer (to Him), and they hope for His mercy, and are afraid of His punishment. For, indeed, your Lord's punishment is something to be ever-afraid of. 58 And there is not a town (i.e. deniers' community), but We will destroy it before the Day of Resurrection, or punish it with a severe punishment. That is written in the Book (of Our decrees).

59 And nothing prevents Us from sending (miraculous) signs (demanded by the pagans), except that the people of the former generations gave the lie to them. And We had given (the tribe of) Thamood the she-camel as a clear sign, but they sinned against it. And We do not send signs except as a warning.

60 And (remember, O prophet,) when We told you, 'Behold, your Lord encompasses all mankind (with His knowledge and might).' And We did not make the vision which We showed you except as a trial for the people, as well as the accursed tree (mentioned) in the Quran. And We keep warning them, but it only increases in their greater transgression.

61 And (remember) when We said to the angels, 'Prostrate yourselves before Adam.' So they all prostrated themselves except Iblees. He said, 'Shall I prostrate myself before someone whom You have created from clay?' 62 And (Iblees further) said, 'Do you see this one whom You have honoured above me? If You give me respite until the Day of Resurrection, I will certainly subdue his offspring, except for a few.'

63 God answered, 'Go (the way you have chosen)! But as for such of them who will follow you, then, indeed, Hell will be the recompense for all of you - an ample recompense! 64 And beguile whomever of them you can with your voice, and mobilize against them all your cavalry and infantry, and manipulate them in their wealth and their children, and make promises to them. But whatever Satan promises them is nothing but delusion. 65 (God added,) 'Behold, you will have no authority over My (truly believing) servants.' And Sufficient is your Lord as a Guardian.'

66 It is your Lord Who causes the ships to sail for you through the sea, so that you may seek of His bounty. Indeed, He is Ever-Merciful to you. 67 And whenever danger befalls you at sea, you (totally) forget all (the false deities) whom you (normally) invoke besides Him. Then when He brings you (safe) to the land, you turn away (from Him). (Indeed,) man is ever-ungrateful!

68 **Do you then feel secure that He will not cause a part of the land to swallow you up, or send against you a storm of stones? Thereupon you will find none to protect you.** 69 Or do you feel secure that He will not send you back to sea once again, and send upon you a violent storm, and drown you for what you denied (i.e. in requital of your ingratitude)? (When We will do so,) then you will find none to uphold you against Us there.

Note: - It is never affordable for human being to be indifferent about his Creator and Sustainer. Without His mercy he can never be safe and secure - whether he may be in a small hut or in a strong fort. No doubt, it is suicidal for human being to be ungrateful towards Him.

70 Indeed, We have honoured the children of Adam, and carried them on land and sea, and provided for them sustenance out of the good (and lawful) things (of life), **and graced them over many of those whom We have created, with a (definite) preference**.

Note: - This is an evident fact that human being has been made special in all creatures. Such a special creation cannot be without special purpose. That is why man is required to discover the purpose of his life; and he should lead his life in accordance with the creation plan of the Creator, so that he may be successful.

71 (Beware of) the Day when We will summon all human beings with their (respective) leaders, then whoever is given his record (of deeds) in his right hand, then such people will read their records (with happiness); and they will not be done any injustice (even as much as) a thread of a date stone. 72 **BUT WHOEVER HAS REMAINED BLIND IN THIS LIFE (ONLY TO SEE THE PATH OF TRUTH) WILL BE BLIND IN THE (POST-DEATH) ETERNAL LIFE (AS WELL), AND MUCH MORE ASTRAY FROM THE PATH (OF TRUTH).**

73 Behold, they (who have gone astray) were about to tempt you away from that which We have revealed to you (O

prophet), so that you invent about Us something else (and falsely attribute it to Us); and in that case they would have certainly made you their (close) friend! 74 And if We had not made you stand firm, you might have inclined towards them a little bit. 75 In that case, We would have surely made you taste double (punishment) in this life, and double (punishment) after death, then you would have found none to help you against Us.

76 They were about to intimidate you to drive you out of the land (of Mecca). But in that case they themselves would not have remained after you (had left), except for a little while. 77 (Such has been Our) way for those We sent before you of Our messengers. And you will never find any change in Our way.

78 Establish prayer between the decline of the sun and the darkness of the night; and (know the importance of the recitation of) the Quran at dawn. Indeed, the (recitation of the) Quran at dawn is ever-witnessed (by the angels).

79 And rise from your sleep and pray, during a part of the night (before dawn, as well), as an additional prayer for you; it may well be that your Lord will raise you to a glorious status (in the eternal life).

80 And say (in the prayer), 'O my Lord! Cause me to enter an honourable entrance, and cause me to exit an honourable exit, and grant me from yourself a supporting authority.'

81 AND SAY, 'THE TRUTH HAS COME, AND THE UNTRUTH HAS PERISHED. INDEED THE UNTRUTH IS BOUND TO PERISH.'

82 And We send down of the Quran that which is (spiritual) healing and a mercy to those who believe; but as for the evildoers, it only increases their loss.

83 And when We bestow Our blessings upon man, he turns away and distances himself. But when evil afflicts him, he loses all hope. 84 Say, 'Everyone acts in his own way, but your Lord knows best - who is best guided on the way.'

85 And they ask you (O prophet) about (the nature of) Spirit. Say, 'Its nature is known only to my Lord, (you cannot

understand its nature, O people, since) **YOU HAVE BEEN GRANTED BUT LITTLE KNOWLEDGE.'**

Note: - Whatever knowledge man has got is not his own, but it has been granted, and he has not been granted the complete knowledge about everything. This fact has also been acknowledged even by scientific community - that science is nothing but the partial knowledge of the truth.

86 And if We willed, We could certainly take away whatever We have revealed to you, then you would find no guardian to plead its (return from) Us. **87** (But whatever has been revealed to you) only by your Lord's grace; behold, His bounty upon you is (indeed) great! **88** **SAY, 'IF ALL MANKIND AND JINNKIND GATHERED TOGETHER TO PRODUCE THE EQUIVALENT OF THIS QURAN, THEY COULD NEVER PRODUCE ITS EQUAL, EVEN IF THEY SUPPORTED ONE ANOTHER.'** **89** And We have truly set forth every (kind of) lesson for people in this Quran, yet most people persist in denying the truth.

90 And they challenge (the prophet), 'We will never believe in you until you cause a spring to gush forth from the earth for us, **91** or until you have a garden of palm trees and grapes, and cause rivers to flow abundantly in their midst, **92** or cause the heaven to fall down upon us in pieces - as you have claimed - or bring God and the angels before us, face to face,

93 or until you have a house made of gold, or you ascend to the heaven, and (even then) we will not believe in your ascension unless you bring down for us (from heaven) a book that we (ourselves) can read!' Say (O prophet), 'All Glory be to my Lord! Am I anything but a human being - sent as a messenger?' 94 And nothing prevented people from believing, when guidance came to them, except that they said (i.e. their objection was), 'Has God sent a human being as a messenger?'

95 Say, 'If there had been angels (living) on the earth, walking about in peace and security, We would have certainly sent down to them from the heaven an angel as (Our) messenger.' 96 Say, 'Sufficient is God as a Witness between me and you. Indeed, He is fully Aware and Ever-Beholding of His servants.'

97 Whomever God guides, then he (alone) is (rightly) guided; and whomever He lets go astray, then you will never find for such people protectors besides Him. And (so when) We will gather them together on the Day of Resurrection, (they will be lying) prone upon their faces - blind, dumb and deaf. Their abode will be Hell; and whenever (the Fire) subsides, We will increase for them (its) flame. 98 Such will be their recompense for having rejected Our messages, and having said,

'(WHAT!) WHEN WE ARE REDUCED TO BONES AND DECAYED PARTICLES (AFTER DEATH), SHALL WE REALLY BE RAISED AS A NEW CREATION?' 99 HAVE THEY NOT REALIZED THAT GOD, WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH,

CAN (EASILY) CREATE THE LIKE OF THEM (AGAIN)? And He has (already) decreed for them an appointed term; about which there is no doubt; yet the evildoers persist only in denying the truth.

100 Say (to them), 'If you possessed the treasures of My Lord's bounty, then you would certainly withhold (them by not spending) out of fear that they may get spent.' For man has (always) been niggardly.

101 And We had certainly given Moses nine evident signs, so ask the children of Israel (about it). When he came to them, Pharaoh said to him, 'O Moses! I think you are surely bewitched.' 102 Moses Answered, 'You know very well that none has sent down these (signs) but the Lord of heavens and the earth as eye-openers. And O Pharaoh! I certainly think that you are (to be) destroyed.' 103 So Pharaoh resolved to wipe Israelites off (the face of) the earth, but We caused him and all who were with him to drown (in the sea). 104 Thereafter We said to the children of Israel, 'Dwell in the land (now securely), but (remember that) when the promise of the Last Day comes to pass, We will bring you forth as a mixed crowd. 105 With the truth We have sent down this (Quran), and with the truth it has descended, and (O prophet!) We have sent you only as a bearer of glad tidings and a warner.

106 And We have revealed the Quran bit by bit, so that you may recite it to people at intervals. And We have revealed it in stages.

107 Say, 'Believe in this (Quran), or do not believe.' 'Behold, those who were given knowledge before it, when it is recited to them, they fall upon their faces in prostration, 108 and say, 'All Glory be to our Lord! Our Lord's promise is bound to be fulfilled.' 109 And they fall down (in prostration) upon their faces weeping, and it increases their humility.

110 Say (to them), 'Invoke (Him by the name of) God, or invoke (Him by the name of) the Most Gracious. By whichever name you invoke (Him, He is always the One), to Him belong the Most Beautiful names (i.e. all attributes of perfection are for Him alone). And do not be (too) loud in your prayers, nor be (too) quiet therein, but seek a moderate way in between.' 111 And say, 'All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - Who has never had (any) offspring, nor does He have a partner in His dominion, nor is He weak - needing a protector. And proclaim His greatness immensely.

SURAH–18. AL-KAHF

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - Who has sent down the (heavenly) Book to His servant, and has not placed therein any crookedness, 2 an upright Book, (meant) to warn (the misguided ones) of a severe punishment from Him, and to give glad tidings to the believers who do righteous deeds that they will have a good reward (i.e. Paradise); 3 they will abide therein forever. 4 And (this heavenly Book is meant) **to warn all those who claim, 'God has taken to Himself a son.'** 5 They do not have any knowledge about it, nor had their forefathers. **What a terrible claim that comes out of their mouths! They speak nothing but a lie.**

6 (O prophet,) perhaps you would destroy yourself with grief, over their turning away, because they do not believe in this message. 7 **Behold, We have made whatever is on earth as an adornment for it, so that We may test people as to which of them is best in deeds.** 8 **(In the end,) We will certainly turn whatever is on it to a barren ground.**

Note: - Present world is the world of test. As soon as the test-period is over, the entire human civilization in this world would become a barren ground. All adornments would vanish away. This is the ultimate fate of present world decreed by its True Lord.

9 Do you think that the people of the cave and the inscription were of Our wondrous signs? 10 (The story of theirs is that) when the youths took refuge in the cave, they prayed, 'O our Lord! Bestow on us grace from Yourself, and provide for us a right course in our affair.' 11 So We caused them to fall into a deep sleep (by disconnecting them from the outer world) in the cave for many years. 12 Then We raised them up, (and We did all this,) so that We may see which of the two groups would better calculate the time period in which they had remained (sleeping).

13 (O prophet) We narrate to you their story in truth. Behold, they were youths who had (truly) attained to faith in their Lord, and (so) We increased them in guidance (i.e. increased their consciousness of the right path). 14 And We made their hearts firm, when they stood up and said (to one another), **'OUR (TRUE) LORD IS THE LORD OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. NEVER WILL WE INVOKE ANY DEITY OTHER THAN HIM. (If we invoked any except Him, then) we would truly be uttering an outrageous lie.'**

Note: - This is the statement of those who had, in fact, discovered their True Lord. He is not the True Lord of mankind - who is not the True Lord of the universe. Can any of those fabricated deities by the polytheists be the creator and sustainer of the universe?

The Quran is inviting mankind to the Lord of the universe - i.e. the True Lord.

15 (They continued,) **'These people of ours have taken to worshipping (other) deities instead of Him (i.e. the One True God). WHY DO THEY NOT PRODUCE THE CLEAR EVIDENCE (CONCERNING THEIR BELIEF IN) THOSE DEITIES; and who can be more unjust than the one who fabricates a lie against God.'**

16 (The youths further said to one another,) 'Since you have distanced yourselves from them, and from all that they worship instead of (the One True) God, so take refuge in the cave, your Lord will spread His grace over you, and will make easy for you your affair.'

17 And (if you had been present there,) you might have seen the sun when it rose, inclining away from their cave to the right, and when it set, passing away from them to the left, while they were (laying) in the wide space inside the cave. That was one of the signs of God. He whom God guides is (truly) guided, but he whom He lets go astray, you can never find any guiding mentor for him (to guide to the right path).

18 And you would have thought they were awake, although they were asleep. And (while sleeping) We caused them to turn over (repeatedly) to the right and to the left, while their dog stretched its forelegs at the entrance (of the cave). If you had looked at them, you would have certainly fled away from them, filled with horror. 19 And so (in the course of time) We raised them up, so that they might question one another. One of them exclaimed, 'How long have you stayed (here)?' (Some) answered, 'We have stayed (here) a day, or part of a day.' They

(who were endowed with deeper insight) said, 'Your Lord knows best how long you have stayed (here). So send one of you with this silver coin of yours to the city, and let him find out which food is purest there, and then bring thereof some to you. But let him be (exceptionally) cautious, and must not let anyone know about you. **20** For, indeed, if they come to know about you, they will stone you to death, or force you back to their faith. In that case, you will never succeed!'

21 And thus We made known about them (to the people of the city), so that they might realize that God's promise (of Resurrection) is true, and that there can be no doubt about (the coming of) the Last Hour. The people argued about their affair among themselves proposed, 'Build a monument over them. Their Lord knows best about them.' Those who prevailed in their matter said (in the end), 'We will surely build a house of worship over them!'

22 (And in the times to come) some will say, '(They were) three, and their dog was the fourth of them,' while others will say, '(They were) five, and their dog was sixth of them,' - (merely) guessing at the unseen. (Some others) will say, '(They were) seven and their dog was eighth of them.' Say, 'My Lord knows best their right number; none but a few have any (real) knowledge of them. Hence, do not argue about them except with an obvious argument (i.e. based on sure knowledge), and do not inquire about them from anyone.'

23 And never say about anything, 'I will definitely do this tomorrow,' **24** without (adding), 'If God so wills.' But if you forget, then remember your Lord, and say, 'I trust my Lord will guide me to what is more right than this.'

25 (And some people say,) 'They remained in their cave three hundred years;' and some added another nine years (to that number). **26** Say, 'God knows best how long they remained (there); He (alone) has (the knowledge of) the unseen (realities) of the heavens and the earth. How well He sees, and how well He hears!' People do not have besides Him any protector; and He does not allow anyone to share His sovereignty!' **27** And

convey (to the world) whatever has been revealed to you of the Book of your Lord. **None can change His words, and never will you find a refuge except with Him.**

Note: - This is an introduction of the One - Who is truly All-Powerful.

28 And keep yourself attached to those who call upon their Lord morning and evening, seeking His pleasure, and let not your eyes turn away from them, desiring the luxuries of the worldly life, and do not obey the one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance, and who follows (only) his own desires and whose affair has gone beyond all bounds.

29 **SAY, (THIS QURAN IS) THE TRUTH FROM YOUR LORD, SO WHOEVER WILLS LET HIM BELIEVE IT, AND WHOEVER WILLS LET HIM DENY IT.'** Indeed, We have prepared for the wrongdoers a Fire whose canopy will encompass them (from all sides). And if they cry for relief, they will be relieved with water like boiling oil - which will scald their faces. What a terrible drink, and what a terrible resting place! 30 (But,) behold, as for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, We never let go waste the reward of anyone who does righteous deeds with excellence. 31 It is they who will have (as their reward) Gardens of perpetual bliss, through which running waters flow, there they will be adorned with bracelets of gold, and will wear green garments of fine silk and rich brocade, and wherein upon adorned couches they

will recline; what an excellent reward, and what an excellent resting place!

32 And set forth to them an example of two men. To one of them We gave two gardens of grapes, which We bordered with palm trees, and placed (various) crops in between. 33 Each of the two gardens produced its fruit, and never failed to yield its best, for We had caused a river to gush forth in their midst. 34 And so (the owner) had fruit in abundance, (one day) he boasted to his (poor) companion, while talking with him, 'I am greater than you in wealth, and superior in man-power (i.e. have a bigger following)! 35 After having thus sinned against himself, he entered his garden (i.e. while entering the garden he was filled with arrogance and ingratitude). He said, 'I do not think that this will ever perish, 36 nor do I think that the Last Hour will ever come. But even if I am returned to my Lord, I will definitely find something better than this in return.

37 His (believing) companion answered, while talking with him, 'Do you deny Him Who created you from dust, and then (developed you) from a sperm-drop, then fashioned you into a complete man? 38 But as for myself, (I know that) He is God - my Lord, and I cannot associate anyone (as a partner in divinity) with my Lord.' 39 (And he continued,) 'Why did you not say, when you entered your garden, 'Whatever God wills (will surely come to pass); there is no power except with God.' (He continued,) 'Even though you see me inferior to you in wealth and children, 40 it may well be that my Lord will give me something better than your garden, and send upon it (i.e. your garden) a thunderbolt from the sky, turning it into a barren land. 41 Or its water may sink deep (into the earth), and then you will never be able to get it back!'

42 And (thus it happened,) his fruit(ful garden)s were encompassed (by ruin), so he became (remorseful) twisting his hands over what he had spent on it, while it was all devastated upon its trellises, and he could but say, 'Oh! I wish, I had never associated anyone with my Lord!' 43 And he had no host to help him against God, nor could he (even) help (himself).

44 THAT IS BECAUSE THE AUTHORITY ONLY RESTS WITH GOD - THE TRUE ONE.

He is the Best to grant recompense, and the Best in (respect of determining) the final outcome.

45 And (O prophet,) put forward to them the example of the life of this world, it is like the plants of the earth, thriving when sustained by the rain We send down from the sky, but soon they turn into chaff scattered by the winds. And it is God (alone) Who is Ever-Able to do all things. 46 Wealth and children are (but) the adornment of this worldly life. But the everlasting righteous deeds are far better in the sight of your Lord for reward, and a far better source of hope.

47 Hence, (beware of) the Day, We will cause the mountains to move away (like clouds of dust); and you will see the earth a levelled plain; and (on that Day) We will gather all (mankind), leaving none behind.

48 And they will be presented before your Lord in rows, (and He will say,) 'Now you have returned to us (all alone) as We created you the first time. But you (always) claimed that We would never appoint a time for your return!'

49 And the record (of everyone's deeds) will be laid open; and you will see the criminals fearful of what it contains, and they will cry, 'Oh, woe to us! What a (perfect) record is this! It does not leave out any deed - be it small or big, but takes everything into account! And they will find whatever they did present (before them); and your Lord never does injustice to anyone. 50 And (remember) when We said to the angels, 'Prostrate yourselves before Adam.' They all prostrated themselves, except Iblees (i.e. Satan). He was of the jinn-kind; and he rebelled against his Lord's command. Do you, then, take him and his offspring to be (your) patrons instead of Me, while they are your enemy? What an evil alternative for the evildoers (to choose)!

51 I never called them to witness the creation of the heavens and the earth, nor even the creation of their own

selves; nor do I (have any need to) take as My helpers those who lead (others) astray.

52 Hence, (beware of) the Day when God will say, 'Call (now) to those beings whom you claimed to have a share in My divinity! Whereupon they will invoke them, but those (beings) will not respond to the invokers. And We will place a (destructive) barrier between them. 53 And those who were lost in sin will behold the Fire, and realize that they are bound to fall into it, **AND THEY WILL FIND NO WAY OF ESCAPE FROM IT.**

Note: - This life is first and last opportunity for making ourselves successful or unsuccessful in the post-death eternal life. As one enters the world of Hereafter, then it is the point of no-return, the point of no-correction, and no way out - never.

54 We have surely set forth in this Quran every (kind of) lesson for (the benefit of) people, but man is the most contentious of all beings.

55 And nothing prevents people from believing when guidance comes to them, and from seeking their Lord's forgiveness, except that (they are in waiting of) the ways of the (sinful) ancients be repeated with them (too) (i.e. the destruction decreed by God), or that the torment should come upon them face to face. 56 And We do not send the messengers except as bearers of glad tidings and warners. But those who are bent on denying the truth dispute with falsehood, (i.e. with fallacious arguments) to refute the truth thereby, and they take My messages and that of which they are warned - in ridicule.

57 And who can be more unjust then he, to whom his Lord's messages are conveyed, and thereupon he turns away from them; and he forgets what his own hands have sent ahead? Indeed, We have placed coverings over the hearts of such people, leaving them unable to comprehend this (Quran), and in their ears is deafness. And if you call them to guidance, (then) they will never be guided.

58 Your Lord is Most Forgiving, the Source of (infinite) mercy. If He were to seize them (immediately) for whatever (wrong) they committed, He would have certainly brought about their speedy punishment (then and there). But for them is an appointed time from which they can never find an escape. 59 Those are the towns We destroyed when they persisted in wrongdoing, and We had set an appointed time for their destruction.

60 And (remember) when Moses said to his young assistant, I will never give up (travelling) until I reach the junction of the two seas, or I will continue (travelling) for long period (in my quest). 61 But when they (finally) reached the junction of the two seas, they forgot their fish, and it took its course into the sea, slipping away (amazingly). 62 So when they had passed on (some distance), Moses said to his assistant, 'Bring us our morning meal; this journey has truly exhausted us.'

63 The assistant replied, 'Do you remember (what actually happened) - when we were resting by the rock? (That is when) I forgot the fish; it was none who made me forget to mention it except Satan, and it took its course into the sea amazingly.' 64 Moses exclaimed, 'That (was the place) what we were looking for!' So they (both) turned back, retracting their footsteps. 65 There they found one of Our servants, to whom We had granted Our mercy from Us, and We had enlightened him with knowledge from Us.

66 Moses said to him, 'May I have your company, so that you may teach me some of the right guidance you have been taught?' 67 He answered, 'Behold, you will never be able to have patience with me! 68 And how can you have patience for what you do not encompass in knowledge?' 69 Moses assured (him), 'God willing, you will find me patient, and I will not disobey you in any commands (of yours).' 70 (The man) said, 'Then if you follow me, do not question me about anything (that I may do) until I (myself) mention to you about it.'

71 So they (both) went on (their way), until when they embarked on a boat, the man made a hole in the boat. Moses said, 'Have you made a hole in it to drown its people? You have certainly done a terrible thing!' 72 (The man) replied, 'Did I not tell you that you will never be able to have patience with me?' 73 Moses pleaded, 'Do not take me to task for what I forgot; and do not make it too difficult for me to follow you.' 74 Then they both went on until they met a boy, and the man killed him. Moses said, 'Have you killed an innocent human being who killed none? You have certainly done a horrible thing!'

PART – 16 75 (The man) replied, 'Did I not tell you that you will never be able to have patience with me?' 76 Moses said, 'If I ever ask you about anything after this, then do not keep me in your company. (Then) verily, you will have received (enough) excuse (to part with me) from my side.' 77 Then they both went on until they came to the people of a town, they asked its people for food, but they refused to offer them hospitality. There they found in the town a wall that was about to collapse, so the man set it right. (Whereupon) Moses said, 'If you had wished, you could have taken some payment for it.' 78 (The man) said, 'This is the parting (of our ways) between me and you. (And now) I will let you know the (real) meaning of all (those events) of what you could not have patience. 79 As for the boat, it belonged to some poor people working (their business) at the sea. So I wanted to make it defective, because (I knew that) there was a king coming after them seizing every (good) boat by force.

80 And as for the boy, his parents were (true) believers, and we feared that he would oppress them with (his) disobedience and ingratitude. 81 So we hoped that their Lord would give them another (offspring) in his place, more righteous and tender-hearted.

82 And as for the wall, it belonged to two orphan boys (living) in the town, and under the wall, there was a treasure

belonged to them, and their father had been a righteous man. So your Lord willed that these children should reach their maturity and dig out their treasure, as a mercy from your Lord. I did not do it (all) of my own accord. This is the (real) meaning of all (those events) of what you could not have patience.'

83 And they ask you (O prophet) about Dhul-Qarnayn. Say, 'I will convey you (some) account of him.' **84** Behold, We established him on earth, and gave him the means to (accomplish) everything. **85** So he followed a course; **86** until, when he reached the setting (point) of the sun (i.e. he reached westward end of the land), where he found the sun to be setting in a spring of dark water, and he found some people nearby (who were involved in every kind of wrongdoing). We said, 'O Dhul-Qarnayn! Either you punish them, or treat them with kindness.' **87** He answered, 'As for him who does wrong (to others), we will punish him, then he will be returned to his Lord, and his Lord will punish him with a horrible punishment (never imagined of). **88** But as for the one who believes and does righteous deeds, then he will have as recompense the best (reward in the eternal life). And (as for us) we will make binding on him (only) that which is easy to do.'

89 Then he followed (another) course **90** until, when he reached to the rising (point) of the sun (i.e. he marched eastward till the end of the land) where he found it was rising on a community for whom We had not provided any shelter against it (i.e. they either had no clothes or homes to protect from the sun). **91** Thus it was (their affair), and We had full knowledge of him (i.e. Dhul-Qarnayn).

92 Then he followed (another) course **93** until, when he reached (a valley) between the two mountains; He found beside them a community, who could hardly understand a word (of his language). **94** They pleaded, 'O Dhul-Qarnayn! Indeed, Gog and Magog are (great) corrupters in this land. Can we give you some payment in return for you to construct a barrier between us and them?'

95 Dhul-Qarnayn answered, 'What my Lord has given me is far better, so (only) assist me with manpower (and resources), I will construct a barrier between you and them. 96 Bring me blocks of iron.' (They did according to his instructions) until, when he had (piled up iron and) filled the gap between the two mountain-sides, he instructed, 'Now blow on the Fire with your bellows.' When the iron blocks were red with heat, he said, 'Bring me molten copper to pour over it.' 97 And thus (the rampart was built, so) Gog and Magog were no longer able to surmount it, nor were they able to bore through it. 98 Dhul-Qarnayn said, 'This is a mercy from my Lord; but when the promise of my Lord comes to pass, He will raze it to the ground, and the promise of my Lord is ever-true.'

99 And on that Day We will let them surge (like waves) over one another, and then the trumpet will be blown, and We will gather them all together. 100 And on that Day We will present Hell to the deniers of the truth, plain to view - 101 (to) those who turned a blind eye to My reminder (i.e. the Quran) and deaf ear to My warning.

102 Do they who are bent on denying the truth think that they can (simply) take My servants as protectors instead of Me? Indeed, We have prepared Hell for the hospitality of all those who deny the truth!'

103 Say (O prophet), 'Shall we inform you who are the worst losers in terms of their deeds? 104 (It is) they whose (all) efforts have been wasted in the life of this world, while they thought that they were doing fair work.

105 It is they who (have chosen to) deny their Lord's messages and their meeting with Him. So (all) their deeds have become worthless, and We will give them (i.e. to their deeds) no weight on the Day of Resurrection.' 106 Hell is their

recompense, because they denied the truth, and took My messages and My messengers in ridicule.

107 (But) indeed, as for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, they will have Gardens of Paradise for their hospitality - 108 **THEY WILL ABIDE THEREIN ETERNALLY; THEY WILL NEVER DESIRE TO MOVE FROM THERE (I.E. FROM GARDENS OF PARADISE).**

Note: - Paradise is the perfect abode, no one will ever desire to leave it. When someone gets bored of something, he leaves it, but in Paradise, there does not exist any type of boredom at all. That is why Paradise is perfect and eternal world, where God's infinite glory will be unfolding in infinite forms eternally. In such a world, there is no place for boredom.

109 SAY, 'IF THE OCEAN WERE INK FOR (WRITING) THE WORDS OF MY LORD (I.E. THE WONDERS OF MY LORD), THE OCEAN WOULD CERTAINLY RUN DRY BEFORE THE WORDS OF MY LORD WERE FINISHED, EVEN IF WE BROUGHT THE LIKE OF IT TO RESUPPLY INK (I.E. OCEAN UPON OCEAN).'

Note: - Undoubtedly, such is the Lord - the True Lord of the universe.

110 Say (O prophet), 'I am only a human being like yourselves. It has been revealed to me that **Your (True) God Is Only One God.** So whoever looks forward (with hope and awe) to meeting his Lord (on the Day

of Judgement), then let him do righteous deeds, and not ascribe to anyone (or anything) a share in the worship - (due) to his Lord!'

SURAH–19. MARYAM

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Kaaf. Haa. Yaa. Ayn. Saad. 2 (This is) an account of your Lord's mercy bestowed upon His servant Zachariah, 3 when he called out to his Lord, a private call (i.e. supplication in seclusion).

4 He prayed, 'O my Lord! Indeed, my bones have grown feeble, and my head has flared up grey with old age, but I have never been disappointed in my supplication to You - O my Lord! 5 And I am indeed afraid of my successors (i.e. my kinsfolk will not continue my mission) after me; and my wife has (always) been barren. So bestow upon me, out of Your (special) grace, (a gift of) a successor - 6 who will inherit my (mission), and (also) inherit the family of Jacob. And make him, O my Lord, (one with whom You) are pleased.'

7 (His prayer was answered by God through angels,) 'O Zachariah! We give you glad tidings of (the birth of) a son whose name (will be) John - a name that We have not given to anyone before.' 8 Zachariah exclaimed, 'O my Lord! How can I have a son when my wife has (always) been barren, and I have reached an extremely old age?' 9 (An angel) answered, 'Thus (it will be).' Your Lord says, 'It is easy for Me, for **I DID CREATE YOU BEFORE, WHEN YOU WERE NOTHING.'**

> **Note:** - Every human being was nothing before his / her creation. And it is the Creator of human being Who created him out of nothing. No doubt, this is the statement of the True Creator of human being.

10 Zachariah prayed, 'O my Lord! Appoint a sign for me!' He said, 'Your sign will be that you will not (be able to) speak to

people for three nights, (despite being) sound in health.' 11 Thereupon he came out from the prayer chamber to his people, and he directed them by gestures to glorify (God) in the morning and in the evening!'

12 (And when the son of Zachariah was born and grew up, he was addressed by God) 'O John! Hold fast to the (divine) Book (i.e. adhere to it with full conviction).' And We granted him wisdom when he was still a child, 13 as well as (blessed him with) tenderness (of heart) from Us, and purity, and he was (always) conscious of Us; 14 and dutiful towards his parents, and he was neither arrogant, nor disobedient. 15 **Hence, (God's) peace was upon him on the day when he was born, and peace will be upon him on the day when he will die and on the day when he will be raised to life (again).**

Note: - This message of the Quran shows that how important is peace in the sight of God. God Himself is Source of Infinite Peace, He loves peace. He grants peace, He wants his servant to be a peaceful personality. No doubt, Islam is the religion of peace. All prophets were peace-loving, peace-promoting people.

16 And call to mind, through this (divine) Book - (the story of) Mary, when she withdrew from her family to a place towards the east; 17 and kept herself in seclusion from them, whereupon We sent to her Our angel, who appeared before her in the form of a perfect human being. 18 She exclaimed, 'I truly seek refuge with the Most Gracious from you! (Do not approach me) if you are God-conscious.' 19 The angel answered, 'I am only a messenger from your Lord, (to announce) to you the gift of a son endowed with purity.' 20 She said, 'How can I have a son while no man has ever touched me; nor have I ever been unchaste?' 21 (The angel) answered, 'Thus (it will be); your Lord says, 'It is easy for Me; and We will

make him a sign for people, and a mercy from Us. It is a matter (already) decreed.'

22 So she conceived him, and went in seclusion with him to a remote place. 23 Then the pains of labour drove her to the trunk of a palm-tree, she cried, 'Alas! I wish I had died before this, and had been completely forgotten!'

24 Then a voice called out to her - from beneath (to reassure) her, 'Do not grieve; your Lord has provided a stream at your feet; 25 and shake the trunk of the palm-tree towards yourself, it will drop fresh ripe dates upon you. 26 So eat and drink and comfort your eyes. And if you see any man (who wants to talk to you), say (to him by gesture), behold, I have vowed a fast (of silence) to the Most Gracious; so I will not talk to anyone today.'

27 Then she returned to her people carrying the child with her. (Seeing a new-born child with her) they said (in shock), 'O Mary! You have certainly done a horrible thing! 28 O sister of Aaron! Your father was not a man of evil, nor was your mother unchaste!'

29 Thereupon she pointed to the child (that you may know whatever you want to know from this child). They exclaimed, 'How can we talk to someone who is still an infant in the cradle?' 30 But the child (i.e. Jesus) said, **'I AM INDEED A SERVANT OF GOD.'** He has given me the (heavenly) Book, and made me a prophet.

Note: - Prophet Jesus never said in his life that I am a son of God. But calling Jesus the son of God was purely a fabrication of a lie by some wicked people. According to the Quran (the preserved heavenly Book), the first sentence spoken by Jesus introducing himself was 'I am indeed a servant of God.'

31 (Jesus - the son of Mary continued,) God has made me blessed wherever I may be, and has enjoined upon me to establish prayer and give purifying dues as long as I am alive.

32 **AND (HE HAS MADE ME) DUTIFUL TOWARDS MY MOTHER,** and He has not made me arrogant or unblessed.'

Note: - At another place Quran enjoins the believers to be dutiful towards their parents, but about Jesus the Quran mentions, God has made him dutiful towards her mother. The greatness of the Quran is that no one can find any contradiction in the Quran. But as far as the Bible is concerned, being not preserved as it was, it is full of contradictions. It mentions Jesus at a place son of God, and at another place a son of a man called Joseph.

33 (Jesus continued,) 'Peace was upon me on the day I was born; and (peace) will be upon me on the day I will die, and on the Day I will be raised to life (again)!'

34 SUCH WAS JESUS - THE SON OF MARY, (IT IS) A STATEMENT OF TRUTH CONCERNING WHICH THEY ARE IN DOUBT.

35 It is not (befitting to the majesty of) God to beget a son. All Glory be to Him! When He decrees a matter (i.e. when He wills a thing to be,) He simply tells it, 'Be,' and it comes into existence!

Note: - Man wants to have a son, because he is in need of a son for continuing his family-tree. He needs a son for help in his old age.

Whereas God - the Creator and Sustainer of the universe is never needy of anyone or anything. He Himself is All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful. God alone is such a powerful being, whenever He wants to create anything, He simply says to it, 'Be' and it comes into existence.

It is totally an absurd act to ascribe a son to Almighty God.

36 **(JESUS HAD SAID,) 'INDEED, GOD IS MY LORD AND YOUR LORD, SO WORSHIP (NONE BUT) HIM. THIS (ALONE) IS THE STRAIGHT PATH.'**
37 Yet the sects among them differed (concerning Jesus), so woe to all those who deny the truth when they witness the tremendous Day! 38 How sharp they will hear and see (the truth) on the Day they will come to Us! But today, the evildoers are obviously lost in error. 39 And warn them (O prophet), of (the coming of) the Day of Remorse, when all matters will be settled, while (now) they are in (a state of) heedlessness, and they do not believe. 40 Behold, It is We Who will inherit the earth and all who dwell upon it, and to Us they will all be brought back.

41 And call to mind, through this (divine) Book - (the story of) Abraham. Behold, he was a man of truth and a prophet. 42 (Remember) when he said to his father, **'O MY DEAR FATHER! WHY DO YOU WORSHIP SOMETHING THAT NEITHER HEARS NOR SEES, NOR BENEFITS YOU IN ANY WAY?'**
43 'O my dear father! Behold, there has come to me some knowledge that has not come to you, so follow me; I will guide you to a straight path. 44 O my dear father! **DO NOT WORSHIP SATAN,** Indeed, Satan is rebellious against the Most Gracious!

> **Note:** - Worshipping any being other than the One True God is, in fact, worshipping Satan. Except the worship of the One True God, all other forms of worship are the destructive paths shown by Satan.

45 O my dear father! I truly fear that some punishment from the Most Gracious may afflict you, and that you may become a companion of Satan (in Hell).'
46 (His father) threatened, 'How dare you reject my deities, O Abraham? If you do not desist, I will surely stone you to

death! Now begone from me for good!' 47 (Abraham) replied, 'Peace be upon you! I will pray to my Lord for your forgiveness. Indeed, He has been Ever-Gracious to me. 48 And I will distance myself from you, and (also) from whatever you invoke besides (the One True) God; and I will invoke only to my Lord; hopefully, I will never be disappointed by invoking my Lord.'

49 So when he had left them, and that which they worshipped besides God, We bestowed on him Isaac and Jacob, and made each of them a prophet. 50 And We bestowed upon them of Our mercy; and We blessed them with honourable mention.

51 And call to mind, through this (divine) Book - (the story of) Moses. Behold, he was a chosen one, and was a messenger and a prophet. 52 And We called out to him from the right side of the Mount (Sinai), and We brought him near, speaking (with him) directly. 53 And We granted him, out of Our mercy, his brother Aaron, (having made him a supportive) prophet (in his mission).

54 And call to mind, through this (divine) Book - (the story of) Ishmael. Behold, he was (always) true to his promise, and was a messenger (of God) and a prophet. 55 And he used to exhort his people (to keep up) the prayer and (to do) charity; and his Lord was well pleased with him. 56 And call to mind, through this (divine) Book - (the story of) Idrees (Enoch). Behold, he was a man of truth and a prophet (of God). 57 And We raised him to a high status.

58 Those were (some of) the prophets to whom God bestowed His grace from among the descendants of Adam, and from those whom We carried in the Ark with Noah; and from the descendants of Abraham and Israel, and from those whom We had guided and selected (for Our mission). Whenever the messages of the Most Gracious were conveyed to them, they would fall down (before Him), prostrating themselves and weeping.

59 But there came after them (evil) successors (i.e. later generations) who neglected their prayer and pursued (their

own) desires; so they will (surely) meet with (utter) destruction; 60 except one who repents and believes and does righteous deeds; so it is they who will enter the Paradise, and they will not be wronged in the least.

61 (They will enter) the Gardens of perpetual bliss which the Most Gracious has promised to His servants in the unseen (i.e. without their having seen those Gardens). (And) His promise will certainly come true. 62 **THERE THEY WILL NOT HEAR ANY VAIN TALK, BUT ONLY (THE WORDS) PEACE (AND PEACE),**

Note: - Paradise is truly the land of truth, and the land of peace - where any type of vain talk or any type of violence will never exist. Those who are indulged in any vain talk or violence will never deserve to enter Paradise.

and in the Paradise they will receive their provisions, morning and evening. 63 **SUCH IS THE PARADISE WHICH WE WILL GIVE AS (AN ETERNAL) INHERITANCE TO THOSE OF OUR SERVANTS WHO WERE CONSCIOUS OF US.**

Note: - In the blessings of this worldly life everyone is participating, be he God-conscious or not, but the eternal blessings are only for those who are truly God-conscious.

64 And (the angels say,) 'We do not descend except by the command of your Lord. To Him (alone) belongs whatever is before us, and whatever is behind us, and whatever is in between. And never does your Lord forget anything - 65 **THE LORD OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND OF ALL THAT IS BETWEEN THEM! WORSHIP, THEN, HIM ALONE, AND REMAIN STEADFAST IN HIS**

WORSHIP! DO YOU KNOW ANYONE EQUAL TO HIM (IN HIS ATTRIBUTES)?

Note: - It is the True Lord of mankind - Who is the True Lord of the universe. That is why He alone is Ever-Worthy of worship - there does not exist anyone worthy of worship except Him. The Quran calls mankind towards the worship of the True Lord of the universe.

66 And man (i.e. the one who denies the All-Powerful) asks, 'When, I am (once) dead, shall I really be raised to life again?' 67 **BUT DOES MAN NOT REMEMBER THAT WE CREATED HIM BEFORE, WHEN HE WAS NOTHING?**

68 So (O prophet,) by your Lord, (on the Day of Judgement) We will surely gather them, and the devils (who impelled them to the untruth too), then We will surely bring all of them around Hell bent on their knees.

69 And thereupon We will definitely drag out from every sect (of sinners) - the ones who were most stubborn in rebellion against the Most Gracious. 70 For, indeed, We know best those who are most deserving to burn therein. 71 And there is none of you but will pass over it, a decree from your Lord that must be fulfilled. 72 Then We will save those (from Hell) who have been conscious of Us; but We will leave in it the evildoers bent on their knees.

73 And when Our messages are conveyed to them in all their clarity, those who are bent on denying the truth say to those who have attained to faith, 'Which of (our) two groups is better in status, and superior in assembly.' 74 And how many (denying) generations We have destroyed before them, who were superior in terms of wealth and (outward) appearance!

75 Say, 'Whoever is (entrenched) in misguidance, the Most Gracious grants respite for him until, when such people see that which they were warned of, whether it be punishment (in this world), or (the coming of) the Hour (of Doom), for then they

will realize who is worse in respect of position and inferior in manpower!'

76 And God increases in guidance for those who follow guidance. And the everlasting good deeds are far better in your Lord's sight for reward, and yield far better fruit.

77 Then, have you seen him who is bent on denying the truth of Our messages and boasts 'I will definitely be given wealth and children (if I am resurrected)?' 78 Has he looked into the unseen (realities), or has he taken from the Most Gracious a promise? 79 Not at all! We will (certainly) record whatever he claims, and We will increase his punishment extensively. 80 And We will inherit from him whatever he boasts of (i.e. to Us will return all that he boasts of), and he will come to Us all alone.'

81 And they have taken to worshipping (false) deities besides God, so that they may be (a source of) strength for them. 82 **But no! (On the Day of Judgement) they (i.e. their so-called deities) will disavow the worship (that was paid) to them, and will turn opponents against the worshippers.**

Note: - The Day is bound to come, on that Day, the untruth which was flourished in the present life of trial will perish permanently. The day will be so severe for the deniers of the truth that the false deities who used to be worshipped would turn opponents against those who had worshipped them.

83 Are you not aware that We have let loose all (manner of) satanic forces upon those who deny the truth, (forces) that impel them (towards sin) with (constant) impelling? 84 So do not hasten against them; We are (closely) counting down their

days. 85 On the Day when We will gather the righteous to Us, (i.e. they will be) as (honoured) guests of the Most Gracious, 86 and We will drive the criminals to Hell in a thirsty state. 87 (On that Day) none will have the (power of) intercession except he who has taken permission from the Most Gracious.

88 **And they claim, 'The Most Gracious has taken (to Himself) a son.'** 89 **Indeed, (by this assertion) you have uttered a terrible thing -** 90 **at which the heavens are about to be burst apart, and the earth to split asunder, and the mountains to crumble to pieces,** 91 **because they ascribe a son to the Most Gracious.**

Note: - If there had been no respite for test purpose, such statement about Almighty God would have incurred horrible consequences instantly.

92 **And it is not appropriate for (i.e. it is inconceivable for the majesty of) the Most Gracious to have a son.** 93 **There is none in the heavens and the earth but will come to the Most Gracious as a servant (i.e. in utter submission).**

94 Indeed, He has fully encompassed them, and numbered them precisely. 95 And each one of them will come to Him on the Day of Resurrection all alone. 96 Indeed, those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, the Most Gracious will (certainly) bestow love for them (in the hearts of His righteous servants). 97 So, (O Prophet,) We have made this Quran easy in your tongue, so that you may give with it glad tidings to the God-conscious, and warn those who are contentious.

98 How many (denying) generations We have destroyed before them! Can you perceive (the presence of) any of them (now), or even hear from them the slightest whisper?

SURAH–20. TAA.HAA.

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Taa-Haa. 2 We have not sent down the Quran to you (O prophet,) to cause you distress, 3 but only as a reminder for him who fears (God). 4 **IT IS A REVELATION FROM THE ONE WHO CREATED THE EARTH AND HIGH HEAVENS**

Note: - The Quran has been revealed by the Creator of the heavens and the earth. This is not a simple claim made by this Book. This claim shows that mankind has no alternative in regard to accepting the message of the Quran.

5 - THE MOST GRACIOUS, ESTABLISHED HIMSELF ON THE THRONE (OF THE UNIVERSE).

Note: - The Creator, after creating the heavens and the earth, did not disassociate Himself from them, rather took the charge of running the universe in His Own Hands. This charge of running the universe might have been interpreted by the words 'establishing on the throne.'

6 To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, and whatever is between them, and whatever is beneath the ground.

7 And if you pronounce a word aloud (or in a low voice He hears it), for He knows (even) the secret (thoughts of man) as well as all that is (yet) more hidden.

8 (THE ONE TRUE) GOD - THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM,

His (alone) are the most excellent names (i.e. the attributes of perfection)!

9 Has there come to you the story of Moses? 10 When he saw a fire, he said to his family, 'Wait here; indeed, I have perceived a fire, possibly I will bring you a burning brand from it, or find some guidance at the fire.'

11 So when he came (close) to it, he was called out (by a Voice), 'O Moses, 12 Indeed, I am your Lord! So remove your shoes. For you are in the sacred valley of Tuwa. 13 I have chosen you (to be My messenger), so listen to what is being revealed (to you). 14 Indeed, I (alone) - am God; there does not exist any deity except Me, so worship Me (alone), and be constant in prayer for My remembrance. 15 Behold, the Last Hour is bound to come, (although) I have (willed to keep) it hidden, so that every human being may be recompensed in accordance with what he/she strives for (in life). 16 So do not let anyone who does not believe in it and follows his own desires distract you from it, lest you perish!'

17 (God asked,) 'What is that in your right hand, O Moses?'

Note: - Everything in the entire universe is like an open-book for All-Knowing, All-Seeing God.

'What is that in your right hand, O Moses?' This question was asked to Moses by God only to awaken his awareness about his staff, because at the next moment it was going to be a serpent at God's command.

18 Moses answered, 'It is my staff; I lean upon it; and with it I beat down leaves for my sheep; and I (also) have (many) other uses in it. 19 God said, 'Throw it down, O Moses!' 20 So he threw it down, and behold! - it suddenly became a serpent, moving swiftly. 21 God said, 'Take hold of it, and do not fear. We will restore it to its former state. 22 And (now) put your hand under your armpit, it will come out (shining) white, without any blemish, (that is) another sign, 23 so that We may show you (some) of Our greatest signs. 24 (And now) go to Pharaoh, for he has truly transgressed (all bounds).'

25 Moses prayed, 'O my Lord! Open up my heart (to Your light), 26 and make my task easy for me, 27 and loosen the knot from my tongue, 28 so that they may (clearly) understand my speech; 29 and appoint for me an assistant from among my family, 30 Aaron - my brother. 31 Strengthen me through him, 32 and make him my associate in my task, 33 so that (together) we may glorify You much, 34 and remember You much!' 35 Indeed, You are Ever-Beholding us!' 36 God said, 'You have been granted your request, O Moses! 37 And certainly We bestowed Our favour upon you before (too) 38 when We inspired your mother with this inspiration, 39 'Put him into a casket, then cast it into the river, and thereupon the river will carry it to the shore, and he will be picked up by one who is an enemy to Me and enemy to him.' And (O Moses!) I bestowed upon you love from Myself, so that you would be brought up under My Eye. 40 (And you were under My watch) when your sister walked along (keeping watch over the casket) and proposed (to Pharaoh's people), 'Shall I direct you to someone who might take charge of him (for nursing)? Thus We brought you back to your mother, so that she might comfort her eyes, and that she might not grieve (any longer). And (later on) you

killed a man (by mistake), but We saved you from this distress, and We tried you through various trials. Then you stayed for (some) years among the people of Madyan. Then you came (here) at a destined time, O Moses! 41 And I have chosen you for Myself. 42 Go forth, you and your brother with my (messageful) signs, and do not slacken in remembering Me. 43 Go, both of you, to Pharaoh, for he has truly transgressed (all bounds). 44 But speak to him gently, so that he may take heed, or fear (My punishment).'

45 They both pleaded, 'O our Lord! Indeed, we are afraid that he may hasten to harm us, or (continue to) transgress (all bounds). 46 God reassured (them), 'Do not be afraid (of him), I am indeed with you both, hearing and seeing.' 47 So go to him and say, 'Behold, we are both messengers (sent) by your Lord; so let the children of Israel go with us, and do not oppress them. Verily, we have come to you with a (messageful) sign from your Lord. And (know that His) peace will be (only) upon one who follows the true guidance! 48 For, behold, it has been revealed to us that the punishment will befall the one who gives the lie to the truth and turn away (from it).'

49 (When this message was conveyed to Pharaoh) he asked, 'Who, now, is this Lord of you two, O Moses?' 50 Moses replied, **'Our Lord is He Who has given everything (that exists) its (true nature and) form, then guided (it).'** 51 Pharaoh asked, 'Then what is the case of the past generations?' 52 Moses answered, 'Its knowledge rests with my Lord (alone), (and it is laid down) in (His) Record. **MY LORD NEVER ERRS, NOR DOES HE FORGET.**

Note: - This is the description of the True Lord - the Ever-Aware, All-Powerful.

53 (It is He) Who made the earth as a habitat for you, and inserted ways therein for you, and sent down rain from the sky,

and We brought out therewith various kinds of vegetation. 54 Eat (therefrom), and graze your livestock. Indeed, there are (messageful) signs in this for those who are endowed with reason. 55 **From the earth We created you, and We will return you into it, and from it We will bring you out another time.**

Note: - Who can do so except the Almighty God. He created human being out of the earth, and will merge him into the earth after death, and will raise him up from it once again. No doubt, God is Ever-Powerful to do anything.

56 And We certainly showed him (i.e. Pharaoh) all Our (messageful) signs, but he gave them the lie and refused (to heed them). 57 Pharaoh said, 'Have you come to us to drive us out of our land with your sorcery, O Moses? 58 In that case, We will surely bring you sorcery like it, so set an appointment between us and you; which neither we, nor you will fail to keep - in an open space.'

59 Moses answered, 'Your appointment is on the day of the festival, so let the people be gathered at forenoon.' 60 So Pharaoh went away and settled his scheme, then came back. 61 Moses warned the sorcerers, 'Woe to you! Do not fabricate a lie against God, lest He wipe out you with a torment. Verily, whoever fabricates a lie is bound to fail.'

62 So they disputed the matter among themselves, and kept their talk secret. 63 They said, 'These two (men) are indeed sorcerers; they would like to drive you out of your land by their sorcery, and destroy your most cherished traditions. 64 Hence, (O sorcerers of Egypt,) decide upon the scheme which you will pursue, and then come forward in ranks; and whoever prevails today will certainly be the victor.'

65 They said, 'O Moses, either you cast (your staff first), or shall we be the first to cast?' 66 He answered, 'Nay, you cast (first).' And lo! By virtue of their sorcery their ropes and staffs, appeared to him as if they were moving rapidly (like snakes).

67 So Moses conceived in his mind a fear. 68 (But) We reassured (him), 'Do not be afraid! It is certainly you who will prevail. 69 And (now) cast down what is in your right hand; it will swallow up all that they have made, (for) what they have made is only a trick of sorcerer, and the sorcerer can never succeed, (no matter) wheresoever he may come from (i.e. whatever trick he may use).' 70 (And so it happened.) **The sorcerers fell down in prostration. They exclaimed, 'We have come to believe in the Lord of Moses and Aaron!'**

Note: - Moses was not a sorcerer at all; he had never practiced any trick of sorcery in his life. This was the reason he got afraid for a moment while facing the team of expert sorcerers. But the fact was that he was the representative of the All-Powerful. When he threw down his staff at the command of All-Powerful, all tricks of the sorcerers came to an end instantly. And it did not take long for the sorcerers to understand that Moses is not a sorcerer, but a true representative of Almighty God.

71 Pharaoh threatened, 'How dare you believe in him before I give you permission? He must be your master who taught you sorcery. So I will surely cut off your hands and your feet on opposite sides, and I will crucify you on the trunks of palm trees, and you will surely come to know whose punishment is more severe and more lasting!'

72 They answered, 'We will never prefer you over the clear evidences of the truth that have come to us, nor over Him Who brought us into being! So decree whatever you are going to decree - for you can only decree regarding this (fleeting) life of the world. 73 (As for us,) behold, We have come to believe in our (true) Lord, (hoping) that He may forgive us our sins, and that sorcery you have compelled us (to practice); for God is far superior (in reward) and more lasting (in punishment).' 74 Indeed, whoever comes to his Lord (on the Day of Judgement)

lost in sin, then indeed, for him there is Hell; **HE WILL NEITHER DIE THEREIN NOR LIVE;**

Note: - Hell is a place of eternal suffocation. A place - from where no return or escape is possible. It is an eternal prison - where the prisoner will be like the fish which is kept alive eternally, but deprived of water.

75 But whoever comes to Him as a believer who has done righteous deeds, for such people there will be the high ranks (in the eternal life) - **76** Gardens of perpetual bliss, through which running waters flow, they will abide in it forever. Such is the reward for one who purifies himself.

77 And We certainly inspired Moses (saying), 'Set forth by night with My servants; and strike for them a dry path across the sea; (and) have no fear of being overtaken (by enemy), nor be afraid (of drowning).' **78** Then Pharaoh pursued them with his hosts, but the sea-water completely overwhelmed them, and covered them up. **79** Thus Pharaoh led his people astray, and did not guide (them aright).

80 O children of Israel! We rescued you from your enemy, and (then) We made an appointment with you on the right side of the Mount (Sinai), and sent down for you manna and quails. **81** (Saying,) 'Eat from the good things which We have provided for you, but do not transgress therein, lest My wrath justly alight on you; for upon whom My wrath alights has indeed perished. **82** But I am indeed Most forgiving towards him who repents, and attains to faith, and does righteous deeds, and thereafter continues in guidance.

83 (And God asked,) 'What has caused you to hasten from your people, O Moses?' **84** Moses answered, 'They are following in my footsteps, while I have hastened to You, O my Lord, so that You might be well-pleased (with me).' **85** God said, 'But We have indeed put your people to a test in your absence (after your departure from them); and the Samiri has led them astray.'

86 Thereupon Moses returned to his people, full of wrath and sorrow. He exclaimed, 'O my people! Did your Lord not promise you a good promise? Was the time too long for you, or did you desire that the wrath from your Lord to descend upon you, and hence you broke your promise to me?'

87 They answered, 'We did not break our promise to you of our own free will, but (this is what happened) we were made to carry burdens of the (Egyptian) people's ornaments, and so we threw them (into the fire), for that was what the Samiri suggested.' 88 Then he moulded for them (an idol of) a calf which made a lowing sound (when the wind passed through it), and they said (to one another), 'This is your deity, and the deity of Moses; but he had forgotten (it). 89 Then, did they not see that it could not give them any response, and had no power to harm or benefit them?

90 Aaron had already warned them, 'O my people! You are only being tested with it, for, indeed, your (True) Lord is the Most Gracious! So, follow me, and obey my command.' 91 (But) they replied (to Aaron), 'We will never cease to worship it until Moses comes back to us!'

92 (After coming back to his people) Moses scolded (his brother), 'O Aaron! What prevented you, when you saw them going astray, 93 from following me? Did you then disobey my command?' 94 Aaron pleaded, 'O son of my mother! Do not seize me by my beard, or (the hair of) my head! Behold, I was afraid that you would say, ''You have caused a split among the children of Israel; and did not pay heed to my words.'' '

95 Moses (turned to Samiri and) said, 'What is the matter with you, O Samiri?' 96 He answered, 'I perceived what they did not perceive, so I took a handful (of dust) from the messenger's track and cast it (into the moulded calf), this is what my mind prompted me.' 97 Moses said, 'Begone then! And for (the rest of your) life you will surely be crying, 'Do not touch me.' And, of course, there awaits you an appointed time (for your reckoning) that you cannot escape! And (now)

look at your (so-called) deity - to which you have been devoted. We will certainly burn it up, and then scatter its particles into the sea completely.'

98 **(O PEOPLE) YOUR (TRUE) GOD IS THE ONE GOD - THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM.**

He has encompassed all things in His knowledge.

99 (O prophet!) Thus, We relate to you (some) tidings of what happened in the past; and (thus) We have given you a Reminder from Us. 100 Whoever turns away from it, then indeed, he will bear a (heavy) burden (of sin) on the Day of Resurrection, 101 all such people will abide therein forever. What a terrible burden they will carry on the Day of resurrection! 102 (Beware of) the Day when the trumpet is blown, and We will gather the criminals on that Day blue-eyed (from horror); 103 whispering among themselves, 'You stayed no more than ten days (on the earth).' 104 We know best what they will say. When the most upright of them will say, 'You did not stay more than a day.'

105 And they ask you (O prophet,) about (what will happen to) the mountains (on Doomsday), say, 'My Lord will scatter them into dust completely, 106 then He will turn the earth into a levelled plain. 107 You will not see in it any crookedness or unevenness.' 108 On that Day all will follow the summoner, none will dare to deviate.

ALL VOICES WILL BE HUSHED BEFORE THE MOST GRACIOUS,

so you will not hear except a faint sound (of their footsteps).

Note: - Due to the freedom given for the test purpose, the present human world has become a jungle of voices, the participants of this jungle do not mind whether these voices are truth or untruth. But the Day is bound to come, when the freedom of voice will be withdrawn, then only the truth will prevail.

109 On that Day, no intercession will be of any use except to whom the Most Gracious has given permission, and whose word is acceptable to Him. 110 He (fully) knows all that is ahead of them, and all that is behind them, but they cannot encompass Him in (their) knowledge.

111 **AND (ON THAT DAY) ALL FACES WILL BE HUMBLED BEFORE THE EVER-LIVING, ALL- SUSTAINING (GOD).** And verily, he will be in total loss who bears (a burden of) evildoing. 112 But whoever does righteous deeds, being a believer, will have no fear of being wronged or deprived.

113 And thus We have sent down this (divine Book) - as an Arabic Quran, and have detailed in it some warnings in various ways, so that they may remain conscious of Us, or that it may cause them to take heed. 114 **(KNOW,) THEN, (THAT THE ONE TRUE) GOD IS (SUBLIMELY) EXALTED - THE TRUE KING (I.E. THE ULTIMATE SOVEREIGN).** (O prophet,) do not hasten to recite (a revelation of) the Quran before it is (properly) conveyed to you, and pray, 'My Lord! Increase me in knowledge.'

115 And indeed, We once made a covenant with Adam, but he forgot; and We did not find in him a firm resolve. 116 And (remember) when We said to the angels 'Prostrate yourselves

before Adam!' So they all prostrated themselves, except Iblees; who refused (to do it). 117 So We cautioned, 'O Adam! this is surely an enemy to you and to your wife. So let him not drive you both out of Paradise, for you would then suffer (hardship).

118 Behold, it is (ordained) for you that you will never be hungry therein, nor bare of clothing, 119 nor will you (ever) be thirsty therein, nor will you (ever) suffer the heat (of the sun). 120 But Satan whispered (evil) to him, saying, 'O Adam! Shall I direct you to the tree of immortality, and a kingdom that will never decline?' 121 So they both ate from the tree, then their nakedness was revealed to each other, and they began to cover themselves with the leaves of the Garden. Thus Adam disobeyed his Lord, so he went astray. 122 Thereafter his Lord chose him (for His grace), and turned to him (in forgiveness), and guided him.

123 God said, 'Get down, both of you, from here together (with Satan) as enemies to each other. Then when there comes to you guidance from Me, whoever follows My guidance will not go astray, nor will he come to grief. 124 **But whoever turns away from My Reminder, indeed, he will have straitened life, and on the Day of Resurrection We will raise him up blind.'** 125 **He (i.e. the sinner) will cry, 'O my Lord! Why have You raised me up blind, while I was sighted (before).'** 126 **God will reply, 'Thus did Our (messageful) signs come to you, but you disregarded them; so you are disregarded today.'**

Note: - This life is a test to discover the truth. In this life God reveals the truth through His signs, but those who remain blind in regard to His signs prove themselves deserving to be raised up blind in the post-death eternal life.

Those who are following untruth, or are leading their lives with untruth - it is due to their blindness towards the signs of the truth.

127 Thus do We recompense him who transgresses the limits, and does not believe in the messages of his Lord; indeed, the punishment of the eternal life is more severe and more lasting.

128 Then, is it not (a warning) to guide them, how many generations We destroyed before them - whose dwelling places (i.e. ruins) they still pass by? Indeed, there are signs in this for those who are endowed with reason. 129 And had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord (i.e. the decree of respite), and a term already determined; indeed, (the instant torment) would have been inevitable (for them). 130 So be patient with what they (who deny the truth) may say, and glorify the praises of your Lord before the rising of the sun, and before its setting, and glorify Him in the hours of the night, and at both ends of the day, so that you may be pleased.

131 And never turn your eyes (with longing) towards whatever splendour of this worldly life We have given for enjoyment to (some) groups of them (i.e. deniers) - that We may test them thereby. But the provision of your Lord (in the eternal life) is far better and more lasting.

132 And command your household to perform their prayers and be steadfast in (observing) it. We do not ask you to provide sustenance; (rather) it is We Who provide sustenance for you.

AND THE ULTIMATE OUTCOME (I.E. THE ETERNAL GOOD) IS (ONLY) FOR THE GOD-CONSCIOUS.

133 And they (who are blind to the truth) say, 'Why does he not bring us a (miraculous) sign from his Lord?' (But) has there not come to them (the Quran as) a clear evidence of what was in the previous scriptures? 134 And if We had destroyed them with a punishment before this (divine Book was

revealed), they would have certainly argued, 'O our Lord! Why did You not send to us a messenger? (If You had sent him,) we would have followed your messages before being humiliated and disgraced.'

135 Say (to them), 'Each (of us) is waiting, so keep waiting! You will soon come to know who are the people of the straight path, and who are rightly guided.'

PART – 17 SURAH–21. AL-ANBIYA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 (The time of) reckoning of mankind has drawn near to them, yet they are heedlessly turning away. 2 Whenever new admonition comes to them from their Lord they listen to it in jest; 3 their hearts are distracted; yet they who are (thus) bent on wrongdoing conceal their private conversation (saying about prophet), 'Is this (one) not a human being just like yourselves? Will you, then, yield to (his) sorcery while you are beholding (with your open eyes)?' 4 (The prophet) said, **'MY LORD (FULLY) KNOWS WHATEVER IS SPOKEN THROUGHOUT THE HEAVEN(S) AND THE EARTH. FOR HE (ALONE) IS THE ALL-HEARING, THE ALL-KNOWING.'**

Note: - A human being having two ears cannot hear two persons speaking at a time. Who can there be listening to entire mankind except the True Master of mankind? No doubt, it is He Who has given entire mankind the ability to listen. He alone is the Ever-Powerful, Truly Powerful. There is none like Him.

5 Yet they say (about the revealed messages), 'These are (his) confused dreams. Rather, he has fabricated it! Rather, he is a poet! So let him bring us a (miraculous) sign such as the earlier (messengers) were sent with.' 6 Not a (single)

community We destroyed before them ever believed (after receiving signs), will they then believe?

7 And (O Muhammad!) We did not send (as messengers) before you except men - to whom We sent revelations. (Hence, tell the deniers of the truth,) 'If you do not know this, ask the followers of the (earlier divine) Book.' 8 And We did not give these messengers (supernatural) bodies that needed no food, nor were they immortal. 9 In the end (of their mission), We fulfilled Our promise to them, and We saved them and those (with them) whom We willed, and We destroyed the transgressors.

10 Certainly, We have sent down to you (O people) a Book (i.e. the Quran) in which there is an admonition for you. Will you not then use your reason? 11 How many towns of evildoers We have destroyed, and raised up after them another people! 12 So when they (i.e. its inhabitants) sensed Our punishment (approaching them), behold, they began to flee from it. 13 (They were told,) do not (try to) flee, but return to where you were given luxuries, and to your homes (where you lived), so that you may be questioned. 14 They cried, 'Woe to us! We were indeed wrongdoers!' 15 And that cry of theirs did not cease until We caused them to become reaped and extinct.

16 AND WE DID NOT CREATE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND ALL THAT IS BETWEEN THEM FOR FUN.

Note: - Such wonderful and meaningful existence of the universe is itself a proof that it cannot come into existence without serious purpose and planning.

17 If We had willed to have (some) pastime, (then) We could have surely had it from Our own, if We were ever to do so.

Note: - God is not such that He may ever indulge in pastime, let alone of imposing on others.

18 Rather, We hurl the truth against falsehood, leaving it crushed, so it vanishes. And woe to you for what you (falsely) ascribe (to God, O inventors of falsehood)!

19 To Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and the earth. And those who are near to Him (i.e. the angels) are never too proud to worship Him, nor do they ever grow weary. 20 They glorify (Him) night and day tirelessly.

21 Or have they taken deities from the earth who (cannot even) resurrect the dead? 22 **IF THERE HAD BEEN OTHER DEITIES IN THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH BESIDES (THE ONE TRUE) GOD, BOTH REALMS WOULD HAVE SURELY FALLEN IN DISORDER.** So all Glory be to God - the Lord of the Throne (i.e. the Sovereign of the universe), is far above that which they ascribe (to Him)! 23 **He cannot be called to account for whatever He does, whereas they will (all) be called to account (for whatever they do).**

Note: - This is an introduction of the One and Only Supreme Being. He is never accountable to anyone, but all are accountable to Him.

24 Or have they taken other deities besides Him? (O prophet) say (to the polytheists), 'Produce your proof (for what you are claiming)! This is an admonition for those who are with me, just as it was an admonition for those (who came) before me.' Yet most of them do not know the truth, and so they are turning away from it. 25 **BEFORE YOUR TIME WE NEVER SENT ANY MESSENGER WITHOUT**

HAVING REVEALED TO HIM THAT THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT ME (I.E. NONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE WORSHIPED EXCEPT ME), SO YOU WILL WORSHIP ME (ALONE).

Note: - All the messengers who came from God gave mankind this very message, 'O people! There is none Worthy of worship but the One True God.

26 And (yet,) some say, 'The Most Gracious has taken to Himself a son!' All Glory be to Him! In fact, (those whom they regard as God's offspring are His) honoured servants (i.e. angels). 27 They do not precede Him in speech, they (only) act according to His command. 28 He (fully) knows all that is ahead of them, and all that is behind them, and they cannot intercede except for whom He approves, and they tremble in awe of Him. 29 **IF ANYONE OF THEM WERE TO SAY, 'INDEED, I AM (ALSO) A DEITY BESIDES HIM,' WE WOULD PUNISH HIM WITH HELL; THUS DO WE RECOMPENSE THE EVILDOERS.**

Note: - None other than the True God can say that I am God. The false deity claiming to be a deity will perish eternally. The True God of entire mankind, as well as of entire universe is One God, there is none Worthy of worship except Him.

30 **ARE THOSE WHO ARE BENT ON DENYING THE TRUTH NOT AWARE THAT THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WERE (ONCE) JOINED TOGETHER (AS AN INTEGRATED MASS), THEN WE SPLIT THEM APART? AND**

WE CREATED FROM WATER EVERY LIVING THING. WILL THEY NOT THEN BELIEVE?

31 And (do they not see that) We have set up firm mountains on the earth, lest it should sway with them, and (that) We have made therein broad pathways, so that they may find their way. 32 And We have made the sky a well-protected canopy, yet they turn away from the (messageful) signs (of the universe). 33 It is He Who created the night and the day, the sun and the moon, each gliding in its orbit.

34 And We did not grant immortality to any human being (even) before you; so if you die, will they live forever? 35 Everyone is bound to taste death. And We test you (O man) with both bad and good (circumstances) by way of trial; then to Us you will all be returned.

36 But when those who are bent on denying the truth see you, they only take you in ridicule (saying), 'Is this the one who talks (ill) of your deities?' While they (themselves) reject even the mention of the Most Gracious.

37 Man is created of haste (i.e. man is hasty by nature). I will soon show you My (messageful) signs, so do not ask me to hasten them. 38 And they ask (the believers), 'When will this promise (come to pass)? (Answer this) if you are sincere.' 39 Only if those who deny the truth knew the moment - when they would not be able to ward off the Fire from their faces, nor from their backs, nor will they be helped! 40 Rather, it will come upon them unexpectedly, leaving them stunned. So they will not be able to avert it, nor will they be given any respite. 41 And (O Muhammad!), indeed, many messengers were ridiculed even before you, but those who mocked the (warnings given by) the messengers were encompassed by the very thing - they used to ridicule.

42 Ask (them, O prophet), 'Who can protect you by night and by day against the Most Gracious?' Yet they turn away from the admonition of their Lord. 43 Or do they have other deities who can defend them against Us? Those (alleged

deities) are not (even) able to help themselves, nor can they be protected from Us.

44 In fact, We have given provision to these (deniers of the truth i.e. Makkans), and their forefathers for such a long time (that they took it for granted). Then do they not see how We are shrinking their borders? Is it they who will then prevail? 45 Say, 'I warn you only through the Revelation.' But the deaf (of mind) do not listen to the call when they are warned.

46 And if a (mere) breath of the punishment of your Lord touched them, they would surely say, 'Woe to us! We were indeed evildoers!'

47 We will set up the scales of justice on the Day of Resurrection, so that no human being will be wronged in the least. Even if (a deed) is the weight of a mustard-seed (good or evil), We will bring it (to account). And Sufficient are We as a (vigilant) Reckoner.

48 Indeed, We gave Moses and Aaron (Our revelation as) the criterion, and a light (of the truth), and an admonition for the God-conscious - 49 those who stand in awe of their Lord without seeing Him, and they are apprehensive of the Hour (of reckoning). 50 And this (Quran) is a blessed reminder, which We have revealed. Will you then deny it?

51 Indeed, long before (the time of Moses) We had given Abraham his guidance, for We knew him well (to be worthy of it). 52 (Remember) when he questioned his father and his people, 'What are these statues to which you are devoted?' 53 They answered, 'We found our forefathers worshipping them.' 54 Abraham said, 'Indeed, you and your forefathers have been in manifest error.'

55 They asked, 'Have you come to us with the truth, or are you of those who jest?' 56 Abraham answered, 'In fact, **YOUR (TRUE) LORD IS THE LORD OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH** - He Who brought them into being, and I am one of those who bear

witness to this (truth)!' 57 (Then he said to himself,) 'By God, I will definitely devise a plan against your idols after you have turned your backs and gone away.' 58 So he broke those (idols) into pieces, except the biggest of them, so that they may return to it (for enquiry).

59 (When they saw what had happened,) they said, 'Who dared do this to our deities? He is indeed one of the wrongdoers!' 60 Some (of them) said, 'We heard a young man, called Abraham, speaking (ill) of them.' 61 (The others of them) said, 'Then bring him before the eyes of the people, so that they may witness (his trial).' 62 (And when Abraham came,) they asked, 'Are you the one who did this to our deities, O Abraham?' 63 Abraham answered, 'Rather, it was this biggest one who did it. So ask them (yourselves), if they can speak.'

64 So they came back to their senses, saying (to one another), 'Behold, it is you who are the wrongdoers!' 65 Then they (quickly) turned (to their obstinacy), (saying), 'You know very well that these (idols) cannot speak (O Abraham)!' 66 He rebuked (them), 'Do you then worship instead of (the One True) God something that can neither benefit, nor harm you (in the least)? 67 Fie upon you and upon whatever you worship instead of (the One True) God; will you not then use your reason?' 68 **THEY EXCLAIMED, 'BURN ABRAHAM AND HELP YOUR DEITIES, IF YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE AN ACTION.'**

Note: - The True God helps all, but He never needs any help from anyone. The True God is All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful. Those who say 'help your deities' are, in fact, showing the reality of their deities.

There is another important message in this verse that those who cannot answer an ideology with counter-ideology opt the path of violence.

69 (Then the deniers of the truth threw Abraham into the fire).

(BUT) WE ORDERED, 'O FIRE! BE COOL AND PEACE FOR ABRAHAM!'

Note: - Undoubtedly, this statement is by the True Creator of the fire. We know that fire is powerful, but this verse of the Quran gives us a message that the Creator of the fire is Supremely Powerful, Ever-Powerful. There are found such people in the world who worship fire, rather, they should worship the Creator of fire, Who is far above it.

70 And they sought to harm him, but We made them the worst losers.

71 And We saved him and Lot (and brought him) towards the land which We blessed for all people. 72 And We bestowed upon him Isaac, and then (Isaac's son) Jacob as an additional (boon); and We made all of them righteous. 73 And We made them leaders - guiding (people) by Our command; and We inspired them the doing of good deeds, and keeping up prayer, and giving in charity; and they were Our (true) worshippers.

74 And to Lot We gave wisdom and knowledge (of right and wrong), and We saved him from the town which was engrossed in shameful practices. Indeed, they were people lost in evil - bent on disobeying. 75 And We admitted him to Our mercy, for he was truly one of the righteous.

76 And (remember) Noah, when he called out (to Us) earlier, so We responded to him and saved him and (the believers from) his household from the great distress. 77 And We helped him against the people who gave the lie to Our messages. They were indeed people lost in evil, so We caused them all to drown.

78 And (remember) David and Solomon, when they passed judgement about the tillage into which some people's sheep had strayed (and ruined the crops) at night, and We were witness to their judgement, 79 We gave Solomon the right

understanding of the matter, although We gave each (of them) sound judgement and knowledge (of right and wrong). And We subjected the mountains and the birds to glorify Our praises with David; it was We Who did all this. **80** We taught him the (art of) making coats of armour to protect you in your battle. Will you then be grateful?

81 And to Solomon (We subjected) the raging wind, to blow by his command to the land which We had blessed. And it is We Who have full knowledge of everything. **82** And (We also subjected) to him some of the jinn-beings who dived for him (into the sea to bring him pearls), and performed other duties besides that. It is We Who were watching over them.

83 And (remember) Job, when he cried out to his Lord, (saying), 'I have been afflicted with great distress, but You are the Most Merciful of the merciful.' **84** So We responded to him and removed the affliction from which he suffered; and We restored to him his family, doubling their number as an act of grace from Us, and a lesson for those who worship Us.

85 And (remember) Ishmael, and Idrees, and Dhul-Kifl; they all were of the steadfast. **86** And We admitted them to Our mercy, for they were truly of the righteous!

87 And (remember) the man of the whale (i.e. Jonah) when he departed in anger (from his people), thinking that We would not take him to task. Then he cried out from the depths of darkness (saying), 'There does not exist any deity except You. All Glory be to You! Indeed, I have certainly done wrong.' **88** So We responded to him and saved him from the distress. And thus We save the believers.

89 And (remember) Zachariah, when he called out to his Lord, 'O my Lord! Do not leave me alone (i.e. heirless), for You are the Best of inheritors.' **90** So We responded to him, and bestowed upon him (the gift of) John, and made his wife fit to bear him a child. Indeed, they used to compete with one another in doing good deeds, and used to call upon Us in hope and fear, and they were to Us humbly submissive.

91 And (remember) her who guarded her chastity; so We breathed into her through Our angel, and We made her and her son a sign (of Our grace) to all people.

92 (O people!) Indeed, this religion of yours is (only) one, and I am your Lord, so worship Me (alone)! 93 And (yet) people have broken up their religion (into different sects) between them, (but in the end) to Us they all are bound to return. 94 So whoever does the deeds of righteousness, while he is a believer, then (the reward for) his effort will never be denied. Indeed, We are recording it for him.

95 It is impossible for (the people of) any town We have destroyed to ever rise again, 96 until such a time as Gog and Magog are let loose (upon the world), and they will descend from every elevation (leaping across every barrier of land and sea). 97 And (when) the true promise (of Resurrection) draws close (to its fulfilment), then, behold! - the eyes of those who were bent on denying the truth will be staring in horror, (and they will exclaim,) 'Woe to us! We were indeed heedless of this (promise of Resurrection)! In fact, We were (bent on) doing evil.'

98 **INDEED, YOU (DENIERS OF THE TRUTH) AND ALL THAT YOU WORSHIP BESIDES (THE ONE TRUE) GOD, WILL BE (BUT) FUEL FOR HELL!** You are (all) bound to enter it. 99 If these (idols or so-called avatars) had (truly) been deities, they would not have entered it (i.e. Hell), but they will all abide therein forever. 100 They will groan therein with anguish, and therein they will not hear (anything good). 101 But those for whom We have decreed the finest reward, they will be kept far away from Hell. 102 They (i.e. the believers) will not hear the slightest sound of Hell. And they

will abide forever in whatever their souls longed for. 103 They will not be grieved by the greatest horror (of that Day), and the angels will receive them (with the greeting), 'This is your Day (of triumph -) which you were promised.'

104 On that Day We will roll up the heaven like a scroll of writings. Just as We originated the first creation, (so) shall We repeat it, that is a promise binding on Us. We will surely do it. 105 And indeed, after having exhorted (man), We have already written in the Psalms (the earlier heavenly revelation) that My righteous servants will inherit the earth. 106 Behold, in this (Quran) there is a plain message for those who worship (the One True God). 107 **WE HAVE SENT YOU (O MUHAMMAD) ONLY AS A MERCY TO ALL MANKIND.**

108 Say, 'What is revealed to me is only that **YOUR (TRUE) GOD IS ONLY ONE GOD;** will you, then, be submissive to Him?' 109 But if they turn away, 'Say, 'I have proclaimed the message to you all alike. But I do not know whether what you are warned of is near or far. 110 He surely knows what is spoken openly, and also knows whatever you conceal. 111 But (as for me) I do not know; perhaps this (delay) would be a trial for you, and a provision for a while.' 112 (In the end,) the prophet prayed, 'O my Lord! Judge (between us) with truth. And our Lord is the Most Gracious, the One Whose help is to be sought against what you claim.'

SURAH–22. AL-HAJJ

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 **O MANKIND! BE CONSCIOUS OF YOUR LORD, FOR, INDEED, THE EARTHQUAKE OF THE LAST HOUR WILL BE A TREMENDOUS THING.** 2 On the Day you will see it, every nursing mother will abandon whom she is nursing, and every pregnant woman will miscarry; and you will see people (as if they are) intoxicated, while (in fact) they will not be intoxicated; but the punishment of God will be severe indeed.

3 And among people is he who argues about God without knowledge, and follows every rebellious devil. 4 It has been decreed for such devil that whoever befriends him, then indeed, he will misguide him, and will lead him to the torment of the blazing Fire.

5 O people! If you are in doubt about the Resurrection, then (know that) We did create you from dust, then from a drop of sperm, then (developed you into) a clinging clot (of blood), then a lump of flesh, some formed and some unformed (i.e. partly developed and partly undeveloped), so that We may manifest (Our power) to you. Then We settle in the wombs whatever (embryo) We will for an appointed term, then We bring you out as infants, then (We nurture you) so that you may reach your age of full strength. Some of you (may) die (young), while others are left to reach the most feeble stage of life, so that they may know nothing after having known much. And you see the earth lifeless, but as soon as We send down rain on it, it begins to stir (to life), and it swells, and it brings forth every kind of delightful herbage. 6 That is because God alone is the Ultimate truth, and because He (alone) brings the dead to life, and because He is Ever-Powerful over all things. 7 **AND (KNOW, O MAN!) THAT THE HOUR (OF DOOM)**

IS BOUND TO COME, THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, AND GOD WILL SURELY RESURRECT THOSE WHO ARE IN THE GRAVES.

8 And among people is he who disputes about God without having any knowledge (of Him), without any guidance and without any enlightening Book, 9 arrogantly turning aside (from the truth) to lead (others) astray from the path of God. For him there is disgrace in this world, and on the Day of Resurrection We will make him taste the torment of the burning Fire. 10 (And he will be told,) 'This is an outcome of what your own hands have sent ahead, for God never does the least wrong to His servants.'

11 And among people is he who worships God on an edge (of faith i.e. devoid of conviction). If something good happens to him, he is satisfied with it, but if a trial befalls him, he turns back (i.e. reverts to disbelief). Thus, he loses the present life as well as the eternal life; that is (truly) the clear loss.

12 (By behaving thus,) he invokes, instead of (the One True) God, something that can neither harm nor benefit him. That is (indeed) straying far away. 13 (And sometimes) he invokes to one whose harm is more likely than his benefit. What an evil patron and what an evil companion! 14 God will surely admit those who attain to faith and do the righteous deeds to Gardens through which running waters flow; for, behold, God does whatever He wills.

15 Whoever thinks that God will never help his prophet in this world and in the post-death eternal life, let him stretch out a rope up to the ceiling, then let him strangle himself, then let him see whether his effort can remove that which enrages (him). 16 **And this is how We have sent down this (Quran) as clear signs; yet the truth is that God guides him (to the right path) whom He finds (deserving to be guided).**

Note: - Even though God has made all necessary arrangements for guiding man to the truth, yet only those can attain the guidance who truly wish to be guided.

17 Surely, as for those who have attained to faith (in this divine Book), and those who follow the Jewish faith, and the Sabians, and the Christians, and the Magians, and those who are bent on ascribing divinity to others besides God - indeed, God will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection. Indeed, God is Ever-Present Witness over everything.

18 **Are you not aware that whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth, and the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and the mountains, and the trees, and the moving creatures, as well as many human beings - all submit to (the One True) God? But there are many who have become (justly) deserving of the punishment (i.e. there are many of mankind and of jinn-kind, by defying Him become justly deserving of punishment).** And He whom God disgraces, then for him there is no bestower of honour. Indeed, God does what He wills.

Note: - The True Master of the universe is the True Master of all. Due to this simple fact, the entire universe prostrates to its True Master, with only exception that some human beings and some jinn-beings deny their True Master, because they have been granted freedom for test purpose. By misusing their freedom they deny and defy their True Master. But such behaviour of theirs assuredly leads them to severe punishment.

19 These are two opposing groups (i.e. the believers and the deniers of the truth) who disagree (with each other) about their Lord. But as for those who are bent on denying the truth - garments of Fire will be tailored for them (in the post-death

eternal life); and boiling water will be poured down over their heads, **20** melting whatever in their bellies, along with their skins, **21** and for (striking) them there are hooked rods of iron. **22** Every time, in their anguish, they try to come out of Hellfire, they will be forced back into it, (and they will be told,) 'Taste the torment of burning Fire!'

23 (As against this,) God will surely admit those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds to Gardens through which running waters flow. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and pearls, and their garments therein will be of silk; **24** and they were guided (in the worldly life) to the good word (of faith), and they were guided to the path of the One Who is Ever-Praiseworthy.

25 Behold, as for those who are bent on denying the truth and hinder (others) from the path of God and from the Inviolable House of worship - which We have set up for all people, equal are the residents therein and the visitors; and whoever intends to deviate therein by doing wrong, We will make him taste a painful punishment.

26 And (remember) when We assigned to Abraham the site of the House, (saying), 'Do not associate anything with Me, and purify My house for those who circumambulate it, and those who stand up in prayer, and those who bow down and prostrate themselves (in prayer).'

27 And (O prophet!) proclaim the pilgrimage to all people; they will come to you on foot, and on every lean camel (i.e. on fast riding camel), they will come from every remote path (i.e. every distant point), **28** so that they may witness its benefits for them (i.e. he spiritual benefits), and during the appointed days they may extol the name of God over the sacrificial animals - that He has provided for them. So eat from it and feed the desperately poor. **29** Then let them complete their prescribed duties, and fulfil their vows, and perform the circumambulation of the Ancient House (Kaabah).

30 Such (is the pilgrimage), whoever honours the things sanctified by God, it is better for him in the sight of his Lord.

And lawful to you (for food) are (all kind of) cattle, except what has already been mentioned to you (as forbidden). **SO REFRAIN FROM THE FILTH OF THE IDOLS, AND REFRAIN FROM EVERY WORD OF FALSEHOOD.**

Note: - In all beings, the Creator has given mind power exclusively to human being. And this was meant to discover God, to acknowledge God. But most people do not use their mind power for the very purpose it has been bestowed. This being the reason man could not discover the truth, and could not become spiritually developed. Whereas man is constantly using his mind in material direction, as a result, he is being materially developed. But as far as the truth and spirituality is concerned, most people are indifferent, that is why they follow the superstitious path inherited from their forefathers. This is the very thing the Quran calls it a spiritual filth.

Human mind has been kept unused in the matters of spirituality, as a result, superstitious people make some idol with their own hands, and superstitiously name it to be a deity, and start worshipping it. This act is no doubt a filthy act, even those animals who have no mind power, do not commit such a filthy act.

No idol is the creator of human being, nor the creator of the universe, it has no power to benefit its worshipper, nor can it save its worshiper from being afflicted.

The True Creator of human being and the universe is the Supremely Powerful Being, the Supremely Intelligent Being, Who alone is the Creator and the Sustainer of the universe, Who alone is worthy of worship.

31 Be exclusively devoted to God, associating no partners with Him. **For whoever associates partners with God is like the one who has fallen from the heaven, and has been snatched away by the birds or swept away by the wind to a far-off place.**

Note: - One who has got disconnected with the Supreme Power, then there is no support for him in the entire universe. This is the very thing which has been described in this verse of the Quran.

32 That (is the command). And whoever honours the symbols (set by) God (should know that), it is certainly (the outcome) of God-consciousness in the hearts (of the believers). 33 And for you there are benefits in the (sacrificial) animals for an appointed term; then their place of sacrifice is at the Ancient House.

34 For every people We prescribed the act (of sacrifice), so that they may extol the name of God over the sacrificial animals He has provided for them. **(O PEOPLE!) YOUR (TRUE) GOD IS ONLY ONE GOD, SO SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO HIM (ALONE).** And (O prophet) give glad tidings to those who turn (to Him) with humbleness, 35 those whose hearts tremble when God is mentioned, who patiently endure whatever may befall them, and who are constant in prayer and spend (in Our cause) out of what We have provided for them.

36 We have appointed for you the sacrificial camels (and cattle) as one of the symbols set up by God, in which there is much good for you. So extol the name of God over them when they are lined up (for sacrifice); and when they fall down on their sides, then eat from them and feed the needy - those who do not beg, and those who do. Thus We have made them (i.e. the livestock) subservient to you, so that you may be grateful. 37 **(BUT ALWAYS BEAR IN MIND THAT) NEVER DOES THEIR FLESH REACH GOD, NOR THEIR BLOOD; IT IS ONLY YOUR GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS THAT REACHES HIM.**

Thus God has subjected them (i.e. the livestock) to you, so that you may proclaim the greatness of God for the guidance which He has given you. And give glad tidings to the (sincere) doers of good.

38 Indeed, God defends those who attain to faith. Indeed, God does not like anyone who is deceitful and ungrateful. 39 **PERMISSION (TO FIGHT) IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE ATTACKED, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN WRONGED.** And God is indeed Ever-Powerful to help them.

Note: - Islam is not an ideology of war and violence at all. It is an ideology of peace and spirituality. But during its ideological course, it had to rarely take weapons when it was unilaterally attacked by the aggressors, and that too when there was no option of avoiding the war. Islam differentiates between enemy and attacker. So it allows war only in self-defence against the attackers.

40 (They are) those who have been driven out of their homes unjustly, only because they said, 'Our Lord is (the One True) God.' If God had not repelled (the aggression of) some people by means of others, all monasteries, churches, synagogues and mosques, wherein the name of God is often extolled, would have surely been destroyed. And God will definitely help him who helps His cause. Indeed, God is All-Powerful, Supremely Mighty.

41 (And they are) those who, (even) if We establish them in the land (i.e. grant power in the land), they remain constant in prayer, and give in charity, and enjoin the doing of what is right, and forbid the doing of what is wrong. **AND WITH**

GOD RESTS THE OUTCOME OF (ALL) AFFAIRS.

42 And if they (who are bent on denying the truth i.e. Makkans) give you the lie (O Muhammad, remember that) before them, the people of Noah, and (the tribes of) Aad and Thamood also gave the lie (to their prophets), 43 so did the people of Abraham, and the people of Lot, 44 and the inhabitants of Madyan; and Moses was also given the lie. (And in every case) I gave respite to the deniers of the truth (until their appointed time), then I seized them, then how (severe) was My rejection (about them)!

45 And (in the human history) how many towns We have destroyed, for their persistent wrongdoing, leaving them in total ruin; and (how many) wells lie abandoned, and (how many) lofty castles (lie in ruins now)! 46 Have they not travelled through the land, so that their hearts might understand and their ears might listen? For, indeed, it is not the eyes that turn blind, but it is the hearts within the breasts that turn blind!

47 And (O prophet,) they challenge you to hasten the punishment; but God never fails to fulfil His promise. In fact, one day with your Lord is like one thousand years of your count. 48 And to how many towns did I give respite (for an appointed term) when they were immersed in evildoing! Then I seized them. And to Me is the final return (of all).

49 Say (O prophet), 'O people, I am only (sent) to you as a clear warner.' 50 And (know that) those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, for them will be forgiveness and an honourable provision. 51 But those who strive against Our messages (seeking) to defeat their purpose - those will be the dwellers of Hellfire.

52 (O Muhammad!) Whenever We sent a messenger or a prophet before you, and he recited our messages, Satan would influence (people's understanding of) his recitation. But (eventually) God eliminates Satan's influence; and then God affirms His messages. God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. 53 All that so He may make Satan's influence a trial for those (hypocrites) in whose hearts is a disease, and those (deniers of the truth) whose hearts are hardened, for, indeed, the wrongdoers are totally engrossed in opposition. 54 (God makes Satan's influence null and void,) so that those who were given knowledge may know that this (Quran) is the truth from your Lord, so they may come to believe in it, and their hearts may humbly submit to it; for, behold, God does guide to the straight path those who have attained to faith.

55 Yet those who are bent on denying the truth will not cease to be in doubt about this (Quran), until the Last Hour comes upon them suddenly, or there comes upon them the torment of a Day devoid of all hope.

56 **ON THAT DAY THE SOVEREIGNTY WILL BE FOR GOD ALONE.**

He will judge between them. So those who attained to faith and did righteous deeds will be in the Gardens of bliss. 57 Whereas for those who are bent on denying the truth and give the lie to Our messages, it is they who will suffer a humiliating punishment.

58 And those who emigrate (i.e. forsake the domain of evil) for the cause of God; and then are killed, or die. God will surely provide them a good provision. Indeed, God alone is the

Best of providers. 59 He will surely admit them to a place that they will be pleased with. For God is truly All-knowing, Most Forbearing.

60 Thus will it be, and whoever retaliates (against an aggressive act) with the like of that which he was made to suffer, and then he is wronged (again), God will definitely help Him. Indeed, God is Absolver of sins, Most Forgiving.

61 That is because it is God Who causes the night to merge into the day, and causes the day to merge into the night. Indeed, God (alone) is All-Hearing and All-Seeing. 62 **THAT IS BECAUSE (THE ONE) GOD IS THE ULTIMATE TRUTH, AND THAT WHICH THEY CALL UPON OTHER THAN HIM IS (SHEER) FALSEHOOD,** and it is God (alone) Who is the Most High, the Greatest.

Note: - God is One. He alone is Supreme in might, Supreme in knowledge. He alone is worthy of worship, none is worthy of worship except Him. He alone has the absolute power to reward or punish His servants. He alone is the Sovereign of the universe. This is the ultimate and never-changing truth.

63 Do you not see that it is God Who sends down rain from the sky, then the earth becomes green? Indeed, God is Unfathomable (i.e. Most Subtle in His wisdom), Ever-Aware.

64 **To God (alone) belongs all that is in heavens and all that is on the earth. Indeed, God alone**

is Self-Sufficient, the One to Whom all praise (and gratitude) is due.

Note: - None except the True Master of the universe can say so, 'Whatever is in the universe is Mine.'

65 Do you not see that it is God Who has made subservient to you all that is on the earth, and the ships that sail through the sea by His command? (It is He Who) holds the sky (i.e. celestial bodies in their orbits), so that it may not fall upon the earth - except by His leave. Indeed, God is Ever-Compassionate and Most Merciful to mankind. 66 (Clearly seeing this fact that) it is He Who gave you life, then He will cause you to die, then He will bring you back to life, but man is indeed ever ungrateful.

67 For every community We have appointed acts of devotion which they follow. So do not let them dispute with you in this matter, but invite (people) to your Lord (O prophet!). For you are indeed on the right guidance. 68 And if they dispute with you, then say, 'God is Fully Aware of what you do.' 69 On the Day of Resurrection, God will judge between you concerning that over which you used to differ. 70 Do you not know that God (fully) knows whatever is in the heaven and on the earth? Behold, that is (all written) in (God's) Record. That is certainly easy for God.

71 Yet they worship (false deities) other than (the One True) God, that for which He has not sent down any authority, and that of which they have no knowledge. (On the Day of Judgement) there will be no helper for the evildoers. 72 And whenever Our clear messages are conveyed to them, you notice (utter) repugnance on the faces of those who are bent on denying the truth. It is almost as if they are going to attack those who convey Our messages to them. Say, 'Shall I then inform you something far worse than that? (It is) the Fire, which God has promised for those who are bent on denying the truth; what a terrible destination!

73 O PEOPLE! A LESSON IS SET FORTH, SO LISTEN TO IT (CAREFULLY). INDEED, THOSE (FALSE DEITIES) WHOM YOU INVOKE INSTEAD OF (THE ONE TRUE) GOD CAN NEVER CREATE EVEN A FLY, even if they (all) come together for that (purpose). And if a fly snatches something away from them, they cannot take it back from the fly. HOW WEAK IS THE INVOKER AS WELL AS THE INVOKED! 74 THEY HAVE NOT APPRAISED GOD WITH THE APPRAISAL DUE TO HIM. God is indeed All-Powerful, Supremely Mighty.

Note:- In the entire human history God has always been underestimated. There in none except the One True God - Who is Infinite Wise, Infinite Powerful, Infinite Knowledgeable. But man has always neglected the Supreme Being.

75 God chooses messengers from both angels and people, for God is truly All-hearing, All-Seeing. 76 He knows all that is ahead of them, and all that is behind them, and to God all matters will be returned (for judgement). 77 O you who have attained to faith! Bow down, and prostrate yourselves, and worship your Lord (alone), and do good, so that you may be successful. 78 **AND STRIVE HARD IN GOD'S CAUSE WITH ALL THE**

STRIVING THAT IS DUE TO HIM. HE HAS CHOSEN YOU (TO CONVEY HIS MESSAGE), and has not imposed upon you any hardship in (the matter of) religion - the faith of your forefather - Abraham. IT IS HE WHO HAS NAMED YOU AS MUSLIMS (i.e. those who have submitted themselves to God) - in bygone times as well as in this (divine Book, i.e. in all earlier scriptures as well as in the Quran), so that (Our) messenger may bear witness to the truth over you, and that (O) you (who have submitted themselves to Us) may bear witness to it over all mankind. So be constant in prayer, and render the purifying dues (i.e. Zakah), and hold fast to God. For He (alone) is your Protector - what an excellent Protector, and an excellent Supporter!

Note: - Muslim is not a labelled group in the sight of God, but Muslim is the individual who has fully submitted himself to the will of God. At some other place in the Quran the submitted jinn-beings have also been called Muslims. Those individuals are true Muslims who have submitted themselves to God. Submission is the only true religion for all.

PART – 18 SURAH–23. AL-MU'MINOON

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Successful indeed are the believers; 2 those who humble themselves in their prayers; 3 those who turn away from all that is frivolous, 4 those who pay the purifying dues; 5 and those who safeguard their chastity; 6 except with their spouses, or

those whom they rightfully possess (through wed-lock), then indeed, they are free of blame; 7 but whoever seeks beyond that (limit), then - it is they who are truly the transgressors. 8 (The believers are also) those who are true to their trusts and promises, 9 those who (properly) observe their prayers, 10 such are the inheritors - 11 who will inherit Paradise. They will abide therein forever.

12 Indeed, We created man from an extract of clay, 13 then We placed him as a sperm-drop in a safe place (i.e. in the womb), 14 then We developed the drop into a clinging clot (of blood), then developed the clot into a lump (of flesh), then developed the lump into bones, then clothed the bones with flesh, then We brought it into being as a new (and unique) creation. So Supremely Blessed is God, the Best of creators. 15 Then indeed, after all this, you are bound to die; 16 then you will surely be raised up again on the Day of Resurrection.

17 And indeed, We have created above you seven levels (of heaven), and never are We unmindful of (Our) creation. 18 And We send down rain from the sky in (due) measure, then We cause it to settle in the earth. And of course, We are Ever-Able to take it away. 19 And (by means of this water) We produce for you gardens of palm trees and grapevines, in which there are abundant fruits from which you eat, 20 and (olive) trees which grow at Mount (Sinai) producing oil, and (it is a) condiment for those who eat. 21 And behold, in the cattle (too) there is indeed a lesson for you. We provide you with drink out of what they have in their bellies; and for you there are many (other) benefits in them, and of their (meat) you eat; 22 and you ride on them as you do in ships.

23 Indeed, We had sent Noah to his people, he said, 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God alone - there does not exist any deity for you other than Him. Will you not then become conscious of Him?' 24 But the chiefs of his people, who refused to acknowledge the truth, said (to the masses), 'This is only a human like yourselves - who wants to make

himself superior to you! For, if God had willed (to convey a message to us), He could have surely sent down angels (instead of him); (moreover,) we have never heard (anything like) this from our forefathers.' 25 (And some of his people said,) 'He is not but a man possessed by madness, so wait concerning him for some time.'

26 Noah prayed, 'O my Lord! Help me, because they have given me the lie! 27 So We revealed to him (saying), 'Construct the ark under Our observation and according to Our directions, then when Our judgement comes to pass, and the oven bursts with water, take on board a pair of each species, and your family, except those against whom the decree (to drown) has already been passed. And do not plead with Me (anymore) concerning those who are bent on evildoing, for they are bound to drown.

28 And when you and those who are with you have boarded the Ark, then say, '**ALL PRAISE (AND GRATITUDE) IS FOR GOD (ALONE)** - Who has saved us from the evildoing people.' 29 And pray, 'O my Lord! Cause me to land with a blessed landing, it is You Who can provide the best landing!' 30 Behold, in this (story), there are indeed (messageful) signs (for those who contemplate), for We do always put (people) to test.

31 Then after them We raised up to another generation; 32 and We sent to them a messenger from among themselves - (saying), **'WORSHIP (THE ONE TRUE) GOD ALONE - THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY FOR YOU OTHER THAN HIM. WILL YOU NOT THEN BECOME CONSCIOUS OF HIM.'** 33 But the chiefs of his people who refused to acknowledge the truth and gave the lie to the meeting (with God) in the eternal life, (simply) because We had granted them luxuries in the life of this world, said (to the masses), 'This (person who claims to be a prophet) is not but a man like you. He eats what you eat, and

drinks what you drink. 34 And if you (ever) obey a man like yourselves, then indeed, you will be the losers.'

35 (The deniers of the truth say about the prophet of God,) 'Does he promise you that after you have died and become dust and bones, you will be brought forth (to a new life)? 36 Far-fetched, utterly far-fetched is what you are promised! 37 There is no other life but the life of this world, we die, and we live (but once), and we will never be made to rise again. 38 He is not but a man who has fabricated a lie about God, and we are never going to believe him!'

39 (Whereupon) the prophet prayed, 'O my Lord! Help me, for they have given me the lie!' 40 And God responded, 'Soon they will be truly regretful.' 41 So the (huge) blast (of Our punishment) overtook them in all justice, and We swept them away like scum. So away with the evildoing people!

42 Then, even after them, We raised up new generations. 43 No people can hasten their appointed term, nor can they postpone (it). 44 Then We sent Our messengers, one after another; (and) every time their messenger came to his people, they gave him the lie. So We made them follow one another (on the path of destruction); and We made them (cautionary) tales. So away with the people who do not believe!

45 Thereafter We sent Moses and His brother Aaron, with Our (messageful) signs and a clear authority (from Us) 46 to Pharaoh and his chiefs, but they behaved arrogantly, for they were an oppressive people. 47 So they argued, 'Should we believe in two men like ourselves, while their people are our slaves?' 48 Thus they gave the lie to them both, so they became of those who were destroyed. 49 And, of course, We gave Moses the (divine) Book, so that they might be (rightly) guided.

50 And We made the son of Mary (i.e. Jesus) and his mother a sign, and gave both of them shelter on a hillside - a place of tranquillity and springs.

51 (God said,) 'O messengers! Eat of the good things and do righteous deeds. Indeed, I have full knowledge of whatever

you do. 52 **Indeed, (O mankind!) this religion of yours is (only) one religion, and I am your Lord, so remain conscious of Me!'** 53 **YET PEOPLE HAVE DIVIDED IT INTO DIFFERENT SECTS, EACH REJOICING IN WHAT THEY HAVE.** 54 So leave them in their heedlessness for a while. 55 Do they think that what We give them of wealth and children; 56 that We hasten to (honour) them with all kinds of good? Nay, (but the fact is that) they do not perceive it.

57 Indeed, those who tremble with fear of their Lord; 58 and who believe in the messages of their Lord; 59 and who do not associate partners with their Lord; 60 and who give (their wealth for the cause of God) whatever they give, while their hearts are trembling at the thought that they will return to their Lord - 61 it is they who compete with one another in doing good deeds, and it is they who outrun (others) in attaining them! 62 And We never burden any human being beyond his (or her) capacity, and with Us is a record (of their deeds) which speaks the truth; and they will never be wronged.

63 But the hearts of those (who deny) are heedless of this (Quran), and they have other (evil) deeds besides this, in which they are engrossed. 64 But as soon as We seize their affluent ones with torment, they start to cry (for help). 65 (But they will be told,) 'Do not cry (for help) today, 'Surely, no help will be given to you from Us! 66 Indeed, My messages were conveyed to you, but (every time) you used to turn your backs (in disgust), 67 behaving arrogantly, and talking nonsense (about the Quran, and leaving the prophet like one) telling fables by night.'

68 Is it because they have never contemplated the Word (of God), or because there has come to them something that had never come to their forefathers? 69 Or is it that they failed to recognize their messenger, so they denied him? 70 Or do they say, 'There is madness in him?' Rather, (the fact is that) he has

come to them with the truth, but most of them hate the truth. 71 **But if the truth had followed their desires, the heavens and the earth and all those who are therein would have certainly fallen in total disorder. In fact, 'We have given them their Reminder, but they are turning away from their Reminder.**

Note: - None can shape the truth as per his desires, because the truth can never follow the desires of anyone. If one wants to embrace the truth, he has to detach himself from his desires, and follow the truth for the sake of truth, and accept it as it is.

The truth about this universe is that it has been created by One God, and is being sustained by Him (alone). He has created this universe and whatever is in it purposefully. This is the ultimate truth of this universe. No one's desire can change this truth.

72 Or is it that you (O prophet) ask them for any (worldly) recompense? But the recompense from your Lord is the best, for He is the Best of providers. 73 And surely, you are calling them to the straight path, 74 but behold, those who do not believe in the post-death eternal life are bound to deviate from that path.

75 And even if We had mercy on them, and removed the hardship which was upon them, they would still persist in their transgression, wandering blindly. 76 And We have already seized them through punishment (as a warning), but they never humbled themselves to their Lord, nor did they supplicate in humility. **(AND THEY WILL CONTINUE THUS)** 77 **UNTIL, WHEN WE OPEN UPON THEM A GATE OF (TRULY) SEVERE PUNISHMENT (IN THE ETERNAL LIFE), AND THEN THEY WILL BE PLUNGED INTO UTTER DESPAIR.**

Note: - Hell is the eternal prison of torment and despair, where there will be no trace of God's mercy and blessing.

78 It is He (i.e. your True Lord) Who gave you hearing, sight and intellect; (yet) you hardly give any thanks!

Note: - These three things have been given to man purposely and meaningfully, man is using these capacities except for their real-purpose, i.e. acknowledging God.

79 And it is He Who has caused you to multiply on the earth; and to Him you will all be gathered. 80 It is He Who gives life and causes death, and (in) His control is the alternation of night and day. **WILL YOU NOT THEN USE YOUR REASON?**

81 But they say the like of what the earlier people said. 82 They said, 'What! Is it that when we have died and become mere dust and bones, shall we (really) be resurrected? 83 This is what we and our forefathers were promised before; this is nothing but the tales of the former people.'

84 Ask (them), 'To whom does the earth belong and whoever is in it, (tell me this,) if you (really) know?' 85 They will reply, 'To God (belongs all).' Say, 'Will you not then take admonition?' 86 Ask (them), 'Who is the Lord of the seven heavens and the Lord of the Great Throne (i.e. the throne of universal kingdom).' 87 They will reply, 'God!' Ask (them also), 'Will you not then remain conscious of Him?' 88 (O prophet) ask them, 'Who is it - in Whose Hand is the dominion of everything, **AND WHO PROTECTS (ALL), WHILE NONE CAN SEEK PROTECTION AGAINST HIM -** if you (really) know?

Note: - An introduction of the One - Who is Truly Mighty, Supremely Mighty!

89 They will reply, '(All this belongs) to God.' Say, 'How are you so deluded?'

90 In fact, We have conveyed to them the truth; yet, behold, they are liars (i.e. they are intent on lying to themselves). 91 **GOD HAS NOT TAKEN ANY SON, NOR DOES THERE EXIST ANY OTHER DEITY BESIDES HIM. (For, had there been many deities,) then, each deity would have surely stood apart (from the others) with whatever he created, and each would have surely (tried to) gain supremacy over the other! All Glory be to (the One True) God, (He is) far above what they ascribe (to Him).** 92 (He alone is) the All-Knower of the unseen (i.e. the realities beyond the reach of human understanding), and (the All-Knower of) the witnessed. So Exalted is He far above whatever they associate (with Him).

93 Say, 'O my Lord! If you would show me that (i.e. the punishment) of which they are warned, 94 O my Lord! Then do not include me among the evildoing people.' 95 And of course, We do have the power to show you that of which We have warned them (i.e. the deniers of the truth).

96 **(But whatever they may say or do) respond to evil with what is best. We are fully Aware of what they claim.** 97 And say, 'O my Lord! I seek refuge with You from the incitements of the ever-vicious ones (i.e. the devils). 98 And I seek refuge with You, O my Lord, even from their coming near me.'

99 (As for those who do not believe in the eternal life, they go on lying to themselves) until, when death approaches any of them, he implores, 'O my Lord! Send me back (to life), 100 so that I may act righteously in what I left behind. (He will be told,) Never! It is only a (useless) appeal that he makes, and there is a barrier behind them, until the Day when they are resurrected. 101 Then, when the trumpet (of Resurrection) is blown, there will remain no ties of kinship among them on that Day, nor will they (even care to) ask about one another (everyone will be worried about his own situation). 102 Then as for him whose scales (of good deeds) turn out to be heavy - it is they who are the successful. 103 But as for him whose scales turn out to be light - it is they who have put themselves into loss, they will abide forever in Hell. 104 The Fire will scorch their faces, leaving them disfigured. 105 (And God will say,) 'Were not My messages conveyed to you, and you used to give them the lie? 106 They will exclaim, 'O our Lord! Our wretchedness took hold of us, so we became a misguided people! 107 O our Lord! Cause us to come out of this (torment) and then, if we reverted (to evil), then of course, we would be evildoers!' 108 (But) God will say, 'Remain despised therein! Do not (ever) plead with Me (again)!'

109 Behold, there was a group of My servants who used to pray, 'O our Lord! We have come to believe (in You), so forgive us (our sins), and have Your mercy upon us, for You are the Best of those who show mercy.' 110 But you (deniers) took them in mockery, until they (i.e. the mocking practices) made you forget My remembrance, and you went on mocking at them. 111 (But,) behold, today I have rewarded them for their steadfastness. Indeed, it is they who are the successful.

112 God will ask (the doomed), 'How many years did you stay on earth?' 113 They will answer, 'We stayed there for a day or part of a day (compared to the post-death life, their worldly life will seem very short to them); but ask those who keep count.' 114 God will say, 'You stayed there but a short while, if only you had known. 115 Did you then think that We

created you with no purpose, and that you would not be brought back to Us?'

116 SO EXALTED IS GOD - THE TRUE SOVERIGN! THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM, THE LORD OF THE HONOURABLE THRONE (OF THE KINGDOM OF THE UNIVERSE). 117 Hence, whoever invokes another deity along with (the One True) God, for which he has no proof, then surely his reckoning is only with his Lord. Indeed, the deniers of the truth will never succeed. 118 Hence, say, 'O my Lord! Forgive and have mercy, and You are the Best of those who show mercy.'

SURAH–24. AN-NOOR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 (This is) a chapter (of the Quran) which We have sent down and made it obligatory; and in which We have revealed the clear commandments, so that you may take admonition. 2 (As for) the adulteress and the adulterer, flog each of them with a hundred lashes, and let no pity towards them make you lenient in the matter of God's religion (i.e. in implementation of the command of God), if you (truly) believe in God and the Last Day; and let a group of the believers witness their punishment. 3 The adulterer will not marry except an adulteress or a polytheist woman; (i.e. the woman who associates others in God's divinity); and an adulteress will not marry except an adulterer, or a man who associates others in God's divinity (i.e. a polytheist man). This is (all) forbidden to the believers.

4 And those who accuse chaste women (of adultery), but fail to produce four witnesses (in support of their accusation), flog them with eighty lashes (each), and never accept their testimony, for it is they who are the rebellious, 5 except those who repent after that, and mend their ways; behold, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

6 And as for those who accuse their own wives (of adultery), but have no witnesses except themselves; then the accuser must testify (in order to be spared the punishment for false accusation), (swearing) four times by God that he is of the truthful (i.e. his charge is true); 7 and the fifth time (the testimony should be) that the condemnation of God be upon him if he is of the liars. 8 But (as for the wife) it would prevent punishment from her if she testifies four times (swearing) by God that he is indeed of the liars; 9 and the fifth time (the testimony should be) that the wrath of God be upon her if he is of the truthful. 10 Had it not been for God's grace and mercy upon you, (of course, you would have ruined), and that God is Ever-Acceptor of repentance, Supremely Wise.

11 Indeed, those who brought forth that (outrageous) slander are a gang among you. (But, O you who are thus wronged,) do not think it bad for you, rather, it is good for you! Each one of them is responsible for what he earned of the sin; and the one who played the major role, for him there is a tremendous punishment (i.e. Hellfire).

12 When you heard such (a rumour), why did not the believing men and believing women think well of their own people, and say, 'This is clearly (an outrageous) slander?' 13 Why did they (who slandered) not produce for it four witnesses (i.e. to prove their allegation)? Now, since they failed to produce witnesses, then it is those (accusers) who, in the sight of God, are (truly) liars!

14 Had it not been for God's grace and mercy upon you in this world and in the eternal life, surely a tremendous punishment would have seized you for that (lie) in which you were involved. 15 When you were passing it (i.e. the lie) from

one tongue to the other, and saying with your mouths something of which you had no knowledge, thinking it a light matter, while in the sight of God it was a tremendous thing. 16 When you heard such (a rumour), why did you not say? 'It does not behove us to speak about this. All Glory be to You (O God)! This is a tremendous slander!' 17 God admonishes you never to repeat something like this, if you are (truly) believers. 18 And God makes (His) commandments clear to you, for God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise!

19 Indeed, those who like to see obscenity spread among those who have attained to faith, for them there is a painful punishment in this world, and then in the eternal life. For God (fully) knows (the truth), whereas you do not know (it). 20 Had it not been for God's grace and mercy upon you, (you would have indeed been destroyed). And that God is Ever-Compassionate, Most Merciful.

21 O you who have attained to faith! Do not follow the footsteps of Satan, and whoever follows the footsteps of Satan (should know that), he only commands the doing of immoral and evil (deeds). And if there had not been the grace and mercy of God upon you, none of you would have ever attained purity, but God purifies whomever He wills. And God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing. 22 Hence, (even if they have been wronged by slander,) let not those of you - who have been endowed with the grace (of God) and wealth - swear that they will not give (an aid) to their relatives, and the needy, and those who have emigrated from their homes for the cause of God. Let them forgive and overlook. Do you not like to be forgiven by God? God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

23 Indeed, those who (falsely) accuse chaste, innocent and believing women - are cursed in this world and in the eternal life. And for them there is a tremendous punishment. 24 On the Day when their own tongues, and hands, and feet will bear witness against them by (recalling) all that they used to do. 25 On that Day God will give them full recompense that they

deserve, and they will come to know that **IT IS (THE ONE TRUE) GOD WHO IS THE ULTIMATE TRUTH.**

26 Evil women are for evil men, and evil men are for evil women; just as virtuous women are for virtuous men, and virtuous men are for virtuous women. Those (virtuous people) are declared innocent of what they (i.e. slanderers) say, for them there is forgiveness and honourable provision.

27 O you who have attained to faith! Do not enter houses other than your own unless you have asked their owners' permission and greeted their dwellers. This is (enjoined upon you) for your own good, so that you may take heed. 28 And if you do not find anyone therein, then do not enter it until you have been permitted (to do so). And if you are told to go back, then go back; it is more proper for you. God has full knowledge of all that you do. 29 There is no blame on you if you enter undwelt houses where there is something of benefit for you. **AND GOD KNOWS WHATEVER YOU REVEAL AND WHATEVER YOU CONCEAL.**

Note: - None can be such knower except the Supremely Mighty.

30 **(O prophet) tell the believing men to restrain their gazes, and to be mindful of their chastity.** That is purer for them. Indeed, God is Ever-Aware of what they do.

Note: - The wrong use of eyes leads one to cross the established social limits and destroys moral values and chastity. That is why it has been admonished to abstain from the wrong use of eyes as far as physical charm between man and woman is concerned.

31 (O prophet!) Tell the believing women that they should restrain their gazes, and to be mindful of their chastity, and not to reveal their beauty (in public) except what may (decently) be apparent thereof; hence, let them draw their scarves over their bosoms, and not reveal their beauty except to their husbands, or their fathers, or their husbands' fathers, or their sons, or their stepsons, or their brothers, or their brothers' sons, or their sisters' sons, or their fellow women, or those whom they rightfully possess, or such male attendants who have no physical desire, or young children who have not yet attained knowledge of private aspects of women; and they should not strike their legs (i.e. stamp their feet) in order to draw attention to their hidden charms. And O you believers, all of you, turn to God in repentance, so that you may be successful.

32 And (you should) wed the single among you as well as the righteous among your bondmen and maids (who are fit for wedding). If they (whom you intend to marry) are poor, (let this not deter you;) God will suffice them out of His bounty. For God is Infinite (in His bounty), All-Knowing. 33 And as for those who (being marriageable) do not find (the means) to wed, should keep themselves chaste until God grants them sufficiency out of His bounty. And if any of those, whom you rightfully possess, desire to enter the contract of emancipation, make this contract for them if you find goodness in them, and give them some of God's wealth - which He has given you. And do not compel your (slave) maidens to prostitution, while they are willing to remain chaste (i.e. desirous of wed-lock), in order that you may (inequitably) seek the (fleeting) benefits of the worldly life. But if anyone compels them, then indeed, after their being compelled, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 34 And (O people,) We have certainly sent down to you the clear messages (showing the truth), and the (didactic) example of those who passed away before you, and an admonition for those who are God-conscious.

35 (The One True) God is the light of the heavens and the earth. The example of His light is that of a niche, in which there is a lamp, the lamp is (enclosed) in a glass, the glass (shining) like a radiant star, (a lamp) lit from the (oil of) a blessed olive tree, that is neither of the east, nor of the west, whose oil would almost glow, even without being touched by fire. Light upon light! God guides to His light whom He wills. God thus sets forth comparisons for people. And God is All-Knower of everything.

36 (The people guided by the light of God) are (found) in the houses of worship which God has allowed to be raised for the remembrance of His name therein. He is glorified there morning and evening - 37 (in the houses of worship there are such) people - whom neither (worldly) trade, nor commerce can distract from the remembrance of God; and from keeping up the prayer, and from charity. They are fearful of a Day in which the hearts and eyes will be petrified; 38 (and they hope) that God may reward them (according to) the best of what they ever did, and give them out of His bounty yet more (than they deserve), for God grants sustenance to whom He wills, beyond all measure.

39 **BUT AS FOR THOSE WHO ARE BENT ON DENYING THE TRUTH, THEIR DEEDS ARE LIKE A MIRAGE IN A PLAIN DESERT, which the thirsty person supposes it to be water, until when he approaches it, he finds that it was nothing, instead he finds God (- his True Lord) there before him. Then He pays him in full his due. God is quick to settle accounts.**

Note: - In this journey of life, not discovering one's True Lord is indeed like running behind the mirage thinking it to

be water, but in the end finding nothing. The case of such person is a case of missed opportunity. He has failed to find the truth across his entire life. But in the end he faces the truth, but that is not the time of acknowledging the truth, whereas it is the time of facing the result of life.

40 Or (the deeds of deniers of the truth are) like layers of darkness in a deep sea covered by waves upon waves, above which there are clouds, layers of darkness one above another. If one stretches out his hand, he can hardly see it. **AND THE ONE TO WHOM GOD DOES NOT GIVE LIGHT, FOR HIM THERE IS NO LIGHT AT ALL.** 41 Are you not aware that it is God - Whose infinite glory is extolled by whoever is in the heavens and the earth, even the birds (extol His glory) as they spread out their wings? Each (of them) knows its (mode of) prayer and glorification. And God has full knowledge of all that they do.

42 And to God belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. And to God is the return (of all). 43 Do you not see how God drives the clouds, then gathers them together, then turns them into a heap, then you see the rain comes out from their midst? And He sends down hail from mountains (of clouds) in the sky, raining it down upon whoever He wills; and averts it from whoever He wills. The flash of its lightening almost takes away eyesight. 44 It is God Who causes night and day to alternate, indeed, there is a lesson in this for those who have insight.

45 And it is God Who created every living creature out of water. Some of them crawl on their bellies, some walk on two legs, and some walk on four. God creates whatever He wills. Indeed, God is Ever-Powerful over all things. 46 Indeed, We have sent down clear messages (showing the truth). But God

guides whom He wills to the straight path. 47 But they (i.e. the hypocrites) say, 'We believe in God and in the messenger, and we obey.' But then, some of them turn away after that (i.e. after their assertion of faith); such are not (true) believers. 48 And whenever they are called to (the messages of) God and His messenger, so that he (i.e. the messenger) may judge between them, behold, some of them turn away. 49 But if the truth happens to be in their favour, they will come to him quickly (being fully) obedient.

50 Is there disease in their hearts? Or do they doubt, or do they fear that God and His messenger will be unjust to them? Rather, it is they who are (truly) evildoers.

51 The only response of the (true) believers - whenever they are called to God and His messenger, so that he (i.e. the messenger) may judge between them - is that they say, 'We have heard, and we obey.' And it is they who will (truly) succeed. 52 And whoever obeys God and His messenger, and fears God, and is conscious of Him, then it is they who are the successful.

53 Now (as for the hypocrites,) they do swear by God their strongest oaths, that if you command them (to leave their homes for the cause of God), they will surely march forth. Say, 'Do not swear, (the reality of your) obedience is well-known! Surely, God is Ever-Aware of whatever you do.' 54 Say, 'Obey God and obey the messenger, but if you turn away, then (know that) he (i.e. the messenger) is accountable for what he is charged with, and you are accountable for what you are charged with. But if you obey him, you will be (rightly) guided. And the duty of the messenger is only to deliver the message clearly.'

55 God has promised those of you who attain to faith and do righteous deeds - that He will surely grant them power in the land, as He granted to those who were before them; and that He will firmly establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them, and He will surely change their state of fear into security (and peace). (Provided that) they will worship Me

(alone) not associating anything with Me. But whoever still chooses to deny the truth, then, it is they who are bent on disobeying.

56 Hence, (O believers,) be constant in prayer, and render the purifying dues (i.e. Zakah), and obey the messenger, so that you may be graced with (God's) mercy. 57 Do not think that those who are bent on denying the truth can frustrate (God's plan) on the earth. Their abode will be the Fire. What a terrible destination!

58 O you who have attained to faith! At three times (of day), let those whom you rightfully possess as well as those from among you who have not yet attained to puberty ask your permission (before entering your places of privacy) before the prayer of daybreak, and whenever you take off your (outer) garments (for rest) at noon, and after the night prayer. (These are) three times of privacy for you. At other times, there is nothing blameworthy if you or they move about to attend one another (without permission). Thus God makes clear to you His messages. For God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. 59 And when the children among you reach the age of puberty, let them seek permission (to enter at all times), as their elders do. Thus God makes clear for you His messages, for God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. 60 As for elderly women who have no interest in marriage, there is no blame on them if they take off their outer garments, without revealing their adornments. Yet if they (modestly) refrain from this, it is better for them. And God is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

61 There is no blame on the blind, nor on the lame, nor on the sick, nor on yourselves, if you eat from your homes (i.e. the home of your spouse or children), or from the homes of your father, or the homes of your mothers, or the homes of your brothers, or the homes of your sisters, or the homes of your paternal uncles, or the homes of your paternal aunts, or the homes of your maternal uncles, or the homes of your maternal

aunts, or (from the homes) whose keys you possess, or from the homes of your friends. There is no blame on you whether you eat together or separately. But when you enter houses, greet one another with greeting of peace, a greeting (prescribed) by God, which is blessed and good. This is how God makes clear to you His messages, so that you may use your reason.

62 (True) believers are only those who have attained to faith in God and His messenger. When they are with him on some matter of common concern, they should not depart until they have asked him for permission (to do so). Indeed those who ask your permission, those are the ones who (truly) believe in God and His messenger. So when they ask you for permission regarding something of their affair, give permission to whom you wish from among them, and seek forgiveness from God for them. Indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 63 Do not treat the messenger's summons to you (as lightly) as your summons to one another. God is fully Aware of those of you who slip away under the shelter (of some excuses). So let those who go against his commands beware, lest some affliction befall them, or a painful torment overtake them. 64 No doubt! Whatever is in the heavens and the earth belongs to God. Verily, He knows (well) what (condition) you are in. And the Day when they will be returned to Him, then He will fully inform them of whatever they did (in worldly life). For God has full knowledge of everything.

SURAH–25. AL-FURQAAN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Supremely Blessed is He Who has sent down (the all-distinctive) criterion (i.e. the Quran) upon His servant, to be a warning to all humanity. 2 He - to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth, and Who has never had any offspring, nor does He have any partner in His sovereignty, for it is He Who has created everything and designed it in a perfect

measure. 3 **YET THEY HAVE TAKEN BESIDES HIM DEITIES WHO CAN CREATE NOTHING, BUT ARE THEMSELVES CREATED, nor do they have power to avert harm or bring benefit for themselves, nor do they have any power to cause death, or give life, or resurrect the dead!**

4 And those who are bent on denying the truth say, 'This (Quran) is nothing but a lie, which he (himself) has fabricated, with the help of other people.' But what they claim is totally unjust and false! 5 And they say, '(These revelations are only) tales of the former people which he has got written down, they are dictated to him morning and evening.' 6 Say, 'This (Quran) has been revealed by the One Who knows the secrets of the heavens and the earth. Indeed, He is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

7 And they say (mockingly), 'What kind of messenger is this who eats food, and walks in the markets? Why is it that an angel (visibly) has not been sent down to him who would have been a warner along with him? 8 Or (why has not) a treasure been delivered to him, or why has he (not) got a garden from which he can eat (without efforts)?' And the wrongdoers say (to the believers), 'You follow none but a bewitched man.' 9 Look, how they set forth similitudes for you (O prophet), thus they have gone astray, they are now unable to find a way (to the truth)!

10 Blessed is He Who - if He wills - can give you far better things than that - gardens through which running waters flow, (if He wills) He can give you palaces (too). 11 But the fact is - they give the lie to the Last Hour, and We have prepared a blazing Fire for him - who gives the lie to the Last Hour.

12 When it (i.e. the Hellfire) sees them from a far distance, they will hear its raging and roaring. 13 And when they are thrown into a narrow space therein, bound in chains, they will cry out for (instant) destruction (i.e. for the death). 14 (But they will be told,) 'Do not cry out today for one destruction, but cry out for many destructions!' 15 Ask (these deniers of the truth), 'Is that (torment) better, or the Paradise of eternity which is promised to the God-conscious? It will be as a reward for them and as a final destination.' 16 **For them there is whatever they desire, they will abide therein forever. It is a promise binding on your Lord (that must be fulfilled).**

17 And on the Day when God will gather them all together with those they used to worship besides Him; and He will ask, 'Was it you who misled these servants of Mine, or did they (themselves) stray from the right path?' 18 They will answer, 'All Glory be to You! It was not proper for us to take besides You any protectors. But You gave them and their forefathers the comforts (of life), until they forgot the admonition, and thus became a doomed people.' 19 (The doomed will be told,) 'So now, they (whom you had regarded as divine beings) have given the lie to all your (past) assertions, so you cannot avert (punishment), nor can you get any help.' For whoever has committed wrong among you, We will make him taste a terrible punishment.

20 And (even) before you (O prophet), We never sent any of the messengers, but they indeed ate food and walked in the market places. And We have made some of you as a (means of) trial for others. Are you able to endure (this test) with patience? For (remember, O man,) your Lord (alone) is All-Seeing.

PART – 19 21 But those who do not believe that they are destined to meet Us say, 'Why are angels not sent down to us? Or why do we not see our Lord?' Indeed, they have been too proud of themselves, and have become insolent with great

insolence. 22 On the Day when they see the angels, there will be no glad tidings that Day for the criminals, and (the angels) will say, 'All good is forbidden to you - totally forbidden (i.e. they will be utterly hindered from God's grace).' 23 And We will proceed to whatever deeds they had done (i.e. supposedly good deeds), and We will turn them into scattered dust. 24 (Whereas) the inhabitants of Paradise, on that Day, will be graced with the best of abode, and the finest resting place.

25 And the Day when the heaven is split open with the clouds, and the angels will be sent down in successive ranks. 26 On that Day (it will become obvious to all that) the true sovereignty belongs to the Most Gracious (alone). And it will be a difficult Day for the deniers of the truth. 27 **(Be mindful of) the Day, the evildoer will bite his hands (in despair), exclaiming, 'Oh, would that I had taken the path with the messenger!** 28 Oh! Woe to me! Would that I had never taken so-and-so as a close friend! 29 It was he who truly led me astray from the Reminder after it had come to me.' And Satan has always been a betrayer of man. 30 **AND THE MESSENGER WILL SAY, 'O MY LORD! INDEED, MY PEOPLE HAVE TREATED THIS QURAN AS AN ABANDONED THING.'**

Note:- This verse of the Quran clearly shows that even if the Quran is a preserved Book, but in later generations, it will be made an abandoned Book by its so-called believers. Their lives will have become devoid of guidance of the Quran. That is why one who wants to understand Islam as it is, he must differentiate between Islam and present day Muslims. He will have to study the Quran and prophet's Sunnah to know the true Islam.

31 And thus did We assign for every prophet an enemy from among the sinners; but your Lord is Sufficient as a Guide and supporter.

32 And those who deny the truth say, 'Why was the Quran not sent down to him all in a single revelation?' Thus We revealed it, so that We might strengthen your heart thereby, and We revealed it in stages. 33 Whenever they (i.e. the deniers of the truth) bring you an argument (to oppose and find fault in you), We bring you the truth and the best explanation. 34 (As for) those who will be dragged on their faces to Hell - it is they who are worst in position, and most astray from the path (of the truth).

35 And indeed, We gave Moses the Book, and appointed his brother Aaron as his supporter. 36 So We said, 'Go both of you to the people who have given the lie to Our (messageful) signs.' Then We destroyed them (i.e. the deniers of the truth) with utter destruction. 37 **Also the people of Noah, when they gave the lie to the messengers (of Ours),** We caused them to drown, and made them an example for mankind. And We have prepared for the wrongdoers a painful punishment.

Note: - In entire human history all the messengers of God brought the same message that there is only One God, none is worthy of worship except Him; and the present life is for test purpose, and the post-death eternal life is for the result of this test.

One who gives the lie to the message brought by any messenger, he, in fact, gives the lie to all the messengers sent by God.

38 And (We also destroyed the tribes of) Aad and Thamood, and the inhabitants of Ar-Rass, and many generations (of sinners) in between. 39 To each of them We presented examples (of earlier generations as warnings), and each We destroyed with utter destruction. 40 And they (i.e. the pagans of Makkah) have certainly passed by the town (of Sodom) which had been showered with a terrible rain (of stones). Have they not seen it (with the eye of lesson)? Yet they do not expect to be resurrected.

41 And whenever they see you (O prophet), they only make a mockery of you, (saying) - 'Is this the one whom God has sent as (His) messenger? 42 He would have almost misled us from our deities if we had not been steadfast in (worship) of them.' But soon, they will come to know when they face the torment - who it was that went farthest astray from the path (of the truth).

43 Have you seen the one who takes his own desires as his deity? Will you then be a guardian over him? 44 Or do you think that most of them listen (to your message) and use their reason? (Nay,) they are only like cattle, rather, they are (even) more astray from the right path (i.e. even worse than cattle).

45 Do you not see how your Lord causes the shadow to lengthen (towards the night)? And if He had willed so, He could have simply made it (remain) still; but then, We made the sun its guide (i.e. as an indicator for it). 46 Then We withdraw it to Us, a gradual withdrawal. 47 It is He (your True Lord) Who has made the night for you as a covering, and made sleep for rest; and made the day to rise up again. 48 And it is He Who sends the winds as harbingers ahead of His mercy; and We send down pure water from the sky, 49 so that We may revive therewith a dead land, and quench the thirst of countless cattle and human beings We have created. 50 We have distributed it among them, so that they may reflect (over the grace of God), but most people (refuse to acknowledge the truth and) persist (only) in their ingratitude. 51 And if We had so willed, We could have easily raised a warner in every town.

52 SO DO NOT YIELD TO THE DENIERS OF THE TRUTH, BUT DO JIHAD AGAINST THEM WITH THIS QURAN - THE GREAT JIHAD.

Note: - Jihad is the most misinterpreted term of Islam. It is generally considered that Jihad means killing non-Muslims. But it is not true at all. It simply means striving hard or doing ones best. It is obvious that Quran is not a gun or bomb, it is simply an ideology. Doing Jihad with the Quran means - undoubtedly a peaceful ideological Jihad, and according to the Quran, that is great Jihad in the sight of God.

53 It is He Who has let free the two bodies of flowing water, one fresh and sweet, and the other salty and bitter, and He has placed a barrier between them - an insurmountable barrier. 54 It is He Who created human being from water, then He made for him blood relationship and marriage relationship, for your Lord is Ever-Powerful.

55 Yet they worship besides (the One True) God that which can neither benefit nor harm them; thus he who denies the truth is always a supporter (of evil) against his Lord! 56 And (O prophet) We have sent you only as a bearer of glad tidings and a warner. 57 **Say, 'I do not ask you for any recompense for this (message), but whoever wishes, let him take the path to his Lord.'**

58 **AND PUT YOUR TRUST IN THE ONE WHO IS EVER-LIVING, WHO NEVER DIES,** and glorify Him with His praise (and gratitude). And Sufficient is He as All-Aware of the sins of His servants.

Note: - One who takes birth in helpless condition and dies in helpless condition can never be the originator and the sustainer of the universe. The True Creator of the universe is the True God of mankind, no doubt He is beyond all helplessness;

beyond all drawbacks - the Truly Perfect Being, Truly All-Powerful.

59 He Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six periods, then He established Himself on the throne (i.e. after creating the universe took the charge to Himself for running it). He is the Most Gracious, so ask any well-informed person about Him! 60 And when it is said to them, 'Prostrate yourselves to the Most Gracious.' They ask (in disgust), 'What is the Most Gracious? Should we prostrate ourselves before what you order us?' And it only increases them in aversion.

61 Blessed is He Who placed in the sky great constellations, and placed therein a (radiant) lamp (i.e. the sun), and a luminous moon. 62 It is He (i.e. your True Lord) Who made the night and the day to follow each other, (there is messageful sign in them) for whoever desires to be mindful, or to be grateful.

63 And the (true) servants of the Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth humbly, and when the ignorant ones address them (improperly), they only respond with the words of peace. 64 (They are) those who spend (a good portion of) the night prostrating themselves, and standing before their Lord; 65 (they are) those who pray, 'O our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell. Indeed, its punishment is an inseparable (and eternal) punishment. 66 It is certainly an evil place to settle and reside. 67 (They are) those who, when they spend, are neither extravagant, nor niggardly, but are moderate between them.

68 (They are) those who never invoke any other deity besides (the One True) God, nor take any human being's life which God has forbidden (to be killed), except by right (i.e. in the pursuit of justice), nor commit adultery. And whoever does any of this (deeds) will meet with a full requital, 69 the punishment will be doubled for him on the Day of Resurrection, wherein he will remain disgraced forever,

70 except for those who repent and attain to faith, and do righteous deeds, then for those - God will transform their evil deeds into good ones. For God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 71 And whoever repents and does righteous deeds, then he has truly turned to God with (sincere) repentance.

72 (They are true servants of the Most Gracious) those who do not bear false witness, and whenever they come across (the people engaged in) frivolity, they pass by with dignity; 73 **(they are) those who, when admonished with the messages of their Lord, do not fall at them deaf and blind;** 74 (they are) those who pray, 'O our Lord! Grant us through our wives and our offspring the comfort of our eyes, and make us models for those who are conscious of You!' 75 It is they who will be rewarded with lofty mansions in Paradise for their steadfastness; and they will be received therein with salutations and (greetings of) 'Peace.' 76 They will abide in it forever. What an excellent place to settle and reside! 77 Say (O prophet! To the deniers of the truth), 'My Lord will not care for you at all, if you do not invoke Him. Now since you have given the lie (to His messages), so His punishment is bound to overtake you (which you will never be able to avoid).

SURAH–26. ASH-SHU'ARAA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Taa, Seen, Meem. 2 These are the messages of the clear Book. 3 Perhaps (O prophet,) you will destroy yourself (with grief), because they do not believe. 4 **If We had so willed, We could have sent down upon them a (compelling) sign from the heaven, at which their necks would remain humbled.**

Note: - Almighty God could do so to bring entire mankind on the right path, but He willed to test people by giving them freedom to choose the right or wrong path. As a result we find - many paths exist in this world, but among many paths there is

only one path - which is in fact the right path. Now it is upon human being to choose a path for himself.

5 And whenever there comes to them any fresh reminder from the Most Gracious, they (who are blind of mind) always turn their backs at it. 6 Thus they have indeed given the lie (to the message of the truth), so they will soon face the consequences of their ridicule.

7 Do they not look at the earth. How many beneficial kinds of things We have caused to grow in it? 8 Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this, yet most of them would not believe. 9 And indeed, your Lord - He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful. 10 And (remember) when your Lord called out to Moses, (saying), 'Go to the wrongdoing people - 11 the people of Pharaoh, who refuse to be conscious (of Me)!' 12 Moses answered, 'O my Lord! Behold, I fear that they will give me the lie; 13 and my breast straitens, and my tongue is not eloquent, so send for Aaron (to come and help me); 14 moreover, they have a charge of crime (pending) against me, so I fear that they may kill me.'

15 God said, 'Certainly not! Go, both of you, with Our signs. Indeed, We are with you, listening. 16 So go, both of you, to Pharaoh and say, behold, we are the messengers of the Lord of the universe; 17 (sent with the message) that you let the children of Israel to go with us.' 18 (When Moses delivered his message,) Pharaoh said, 'Did we not bring you up among us when you were a child, and you spent several years of your life with us? 19 Yet you committed that (heinous) deed which you did, being utterly ungrateful!'

20 Moses replied, 'I did it when I was of the ignorant (then I had no guidance). 21 So I fled from you, because I feared you. Then my Lord bestowed upon me wisdom and made me (one) of (His) messengers. 22 How can that be a favour, of which you remind me, when (it was only because) you have enslaved the children of Israel?'

23 Pharaoh asked, 'And what is the Lord of the universe?' 24 Moses answered, '(He is) the Sustainer of the heavens and

the earth and whatever is between them, if only you had sure faith.' 25 Pharaoh said to those around him, 'Did you hear (what he just said)?' 26 (And Moses) continued, 'He is your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers.' 27 Pharaoh said (mockingly), 'Behold, this messenger of yours, who (claims that he) has been sent to you is truly mad.' 28 (But Moses) continued, 'He is the Lord of the east and the west, and whatever is between them, if you would but use your reason!' 29 Pharaoh threatened, 'If you take any deity other than myself, I will surely throw you into prison.' 30 Moses asked, 'What if I bring you something evident (proof)?' 31 Pharaoh answered, 'Bring it then, if you are truthful.' 32 Thereupon (Moses) threw down his staff, and behold! It became a real serpent. 33 And he drew out his hand; and - behold! - it was (shining) white to the beholders. 34 (Pharaoh) said to the chiefs around him, 'This man is certainly a learned sorcerer, 35 who wants to drive you out of your land with his sorcery. So what do you suggest?'

36 They answered, 'Postpone (the matter of) him and his brother, and send heralds to the cities, 37 who will bring to you every learned sorcerer.' 38 So the sorcerers were gathered (together) at the appointed time on a well-known day (i.e. the day of festival). 39 And the people were asked, 'Will (all of) you join the gathering, 40 so that we may follow the sorcerers, if they are victorious?' 41 So, when the sorcerers came, they said to Pharaoh, 'Will there be a sure reward for us, if we are victorious?' 42 He replied, 'Yes, (of course, you will be rewarded), and then you will certainly be among the closest to me.'

43 Moses said to the sorcerers, 'Cast whatever you are going to cast!' 44 So they cast down their ropes and staffs, and said, 'By the majesty of Pharaoh, it is we who will certainly win.' 45 (But) then Moses cast down his staff, and - behold! - it swallowed up all the falsehood which they showed! 46 So the sorcerers fell down in prostration (to God). 47 They exclaimed, 'We have come to believe in the Lord of the universe - 48 the Lord of Moses and Aaron!'

49 Pharaoh threatened, 'How dare you believe in him before I give you permission? He must be your master, who taught you sorcery! But soon you will come to know (my revenge). I will surely cut off your hands and feet on opposite sides, then I will surely crucify you all.' 50 They answered, 'There is no harm. We will surely return to our Lord. 51 We really hope that our Lord will forgive us our sins, as we are the first of the believers.'

52 And (there came a time) We inspired Moses (saying), 'Leave with my servants by night; for, behold, you will be pursued!' 53 Then Pharaoh sent heralds to the cities, 54 (saying,) 'Indeed, these (outcasts) are just a handful of people (i.e. children of Israel), 55 who have really enraged us, 56 but we are surely a vigilant multitude.' 57 Thus did We drive them out of their gardens and springs, 58 and their treasures and splendid dwellings. 59 So it was, and We made the children of Israel inheritors of these bounties.

60 So they pursued them at sunrise. 61 When the two hosts came in sight of one another, the companions of Moses cried out, 'Indeed, we are to be overtaken!' 62 Moses reassured (them), 'Absolutely not! My Lord is certainly with me, He will guide me!' 63 Then We inspired Moses, 'Strike the sea with your staff!' So it parted, and each part became as a tremendous towering mountain. 64 Then We brought the others (i.e. pursuers) close to that place, 65 and We saved Moses and all those who were with him, 66 then We drowned the others. 67 Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this, yet most of them would not believe. 68 And indeed, your Lord - He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful.

69 And relate to them the story of Abraham, 70 when he questioned his father and his people, 'What is it that you worship (besides the One True God)?'

71 They answered, 'We worship idols, and we will remain devoted to them.' 72 Abraham asked, 'Do (you really think that) they hear

you when you invoke them, 73 or can they benefit or harm you?' 74 They answered, 'Nay! But we found our forefathers doing the same.'

75 Abraham said (to his people), 'Have you (really) thought about what you have been worshipping - 76 you and your ancestors? 77 Indeed, (all) these (false deities) are my enemies, except He - Who is the (True) Lord of the universe - 78 Who created me, and it is He - Who guides me; 79 and it is He - Who provides me with food and drink; 80 and when I fall sick, then it is He - Who restores me to health; 81 and (it is He -) Who will cause me to die, and then will bring me back to life; 82 and I hope that He will forgive me my faults on the Day of Judgement.'

83 (Then Abraham prayed to his Lord,) 'O my Lord! Bestow wisdom upon me, and join me with the righteous. 84 And grant me an honourable mention among later generations (i.e. make that later generations will follow me); 85 and make me one of those who will inherit the Garden of bliss; 86 and forgive my father, for he is certainly one of those who have gone astray; 87 and do not disgrace me on the Day when (all) people will be resurrected - 88 **the Day on which neither wealth, nor sons will be of any benefit,** 89 except the one who comes before God with a heart - free of evil (i.e. only such individual will succeed).'

90 And (on that Day) the Paradise will be brought near to the God-conscious, 91 whereas the blazing Fire will be (fully) uncovered to those who had been lost in grievous error; 92 and they will be asked, 'Where are those now whom you used to worship; 93 other than (the One True) God? Can these (things and beings) be of any help to you, or even be of any help to themselves?' 94 Then they will be hurled headlong into Hell, they (i.e. the false deities) as well as the misguided ones (i.e. the worshippers of the false deities); 95 and the followers of Iblees (Satan), all together. 96 There the misguided ones will

say while quarrelling with (their false deities), 97 **'BY GOD, WE WERE INDEED IN MANIFEST ERROR; 98 WHEN WE DEEMED YOU EQUAL TO THE LORD OF THE UNIVERSE.'**

Note: - There is none who can be equal to the Lord of the universe; but the foolish ones deem many others equal to Him.

99 (The dwellers of Hell will continue,) 'It was the evildoers who led us astray. 100 So now we have no intercessors, 101 nor any close friend. 102 If only we had (a chance) to return (to the pre-death world), then we would be among the believers!'

103 In all this, behold, there is a message (for people), yet most of them would not believe. 104 And indeed, your Lord - He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful.

105 The people of Noah (too) gave the lie to (God's) messengers. 106 When their brother Noah said to them, 'Will you not be conscious of God? 107 Behold, I am a trustworthy messenger (sent by Him) to you; 108 be, then, conscious of God, and obey me. 109 I do not ask you for any recompense for this (message), my recompense rests with none but the Lord of the universe. 110 So remain conscious of God and obey me!' 111 They argued, 'How can we believe in you, while you are followed (only) by the lowest of the low?' 112 (Thereupon) Noah said, 'And what do I know of what they used to do? 113 Their reckoning rests with none but my Lord, if only you could understand. 114 And I am not going to drive the believers away. 115 I am only a clear warner.'

116 They threatened, 'If you do not desist, O Noah, you will surely be stoned (to death)!' 117 (Whereupon) Noah prayed, 'O my Lord, behold, my people have given me the lie; 118 so judge between me and them decisively, and save me and

those of the believers who are with me!' 119 So We saved him and those who were with him in the (fully) loaded Ark. 120 Then We drowned thereafter the remaining ones. 121 Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this, yet most of them would not believe. 122 And indeed, your Lord - He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful.

123 (And the tribe of) Aad gave the lie to the messengers 124 when their brother Hood said to them, 'Will you not be conscious of God? 125 Behold, I am a trustworthy messenger to you. 126 Be, then, conscious of God and obey me. 127 I do not ask you for this (message) any recompense. My recompense rests with none but the Lord of the universe. 128 **Do you build monuments on every high place, having no sound purpose? 129 And do you construct for yourselves (mighty) castles, as if you are going to live forever,** 130 and whenever you lay hands (on someone), you lay hands as tyrants? 131 Be, then, conscious of God and obey me. 132 And be conscious of Him Who has given you abundance of what you know. 133 He has given you (abundance of) cattle and children, 134 and gardens and springs. 135 I truly fear for you the torment of a tremendous Day!'

136 (But) they answered, 'It is all the same to us, whether you admonish (us), or be not of those who admonish. 137 This is nothing but the practice of the former people, 138 and we are never going to be punished.' 139 Thus they gave him the lie, so We destroyed them. Behold, there is (messageful) sign in this (for people), yet most of them would not believe. 140 And indeed, your Lord - He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful. 141 And (the tribe of) Thamood gave the lie to the messengers 142 when their brother Salih said to them, 'Will you not be conscious of God? 143 Behold, I am a trustworthy messenger to you, 144 be, then, conscious of God and obey me.' 145 'I do not ask you for any recompense for this (message); my recompense rests with none but the Lord of the

universe. 146 **(Do you think that) you will be left secure (forever) in that which (you) have here** - 147 in gardens and springs, 148 and fields of (various) crops, and palm trees (loaded) with tender fruit, 149 and to carve out houses in the mountains with great skill? 150 Be, then, conscious of God and obey me; 151 and do not obey the command of the transgressors - 152 those who spread corruption in the land, and never do what is right.'

153 They replied, 'You are but one of those who are utterly bewitched. 154 You are but a human being like us, so bring forth a (miraculous) sign, if what you say is true.' 155 Salih said, 'This is a she-camel; she will have her turn to drink as you have yours, each on an appointed day. 156 So do not touch her with harm, or you will be seized by the torment of a tremendous Day.' 157 Yet they hamstrung her, (and) then they became remorseful. 158 So the torment seized them. Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this, yet most of them would not believe. 159 And indeed, your Lord - He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful.

160 The people of Lot gave the lie to the messengers 161 when their brother Lot said to them, 'Will you not be conscious of God? 162 Behold, I am a trustworthy messenger to you, 163 so be conscious of God and obey me. 164 I do not ask you for any recompense for this (message); my recompense rests with none but the Lord of the universe. 165 What! Do you (lustfully) approach males among all people of the world, 166 leaving the wives that your Lord has created for you? In fact, you are a people who transgress all bounds (of what is right).'

167 They threatened, 'If you do not desist, O Lot! You will be of those who are driven out!' 168 Lot exclaimed, 'Behold, I am one of those who utterly abhor your doings!' 169 (And then he prayed,) 'O my Lord! Save me and my household from (the consequences of) what they do.' 170 So We saved him and all of his household, 171 except an old woman (i.e. his wife) who was among those who remained behind. 172 Thereafter We

(utterly) destroyed the rest, 173 and We poured upon them a rain (of stones). How terrible was the rain which fell on those who were forewarned! 174 Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this, yet most of them would not believe. 175 And indeed, your Lord - He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful.

176 The inhabitants of the wooded dales (of Madyan) gave the lie to the messengers 177 when Shu'ayb said to them, 'Will you not be conscious of God? 178 Behold, I am a trustworthy messenger to you, 179 so be conscious of God and obey me. 180 And I do not ask you for any recompense for this (message), my recompense rests with none but the Lord of the universe. 181 (Always) give full measure, and do not be of those who defraud others, 182 and weigh with accurate scales; 183 and do not deprive people of what is rightfully theirs; nor go about in the land spreading corruption; 184 but be conscious of the One - Who created you and those generations that lived before you.'

185 They said, 'You are only of those bewitched; 186 also you are none but a human being like ourselves. And behold, we think that you are one of the liars. 187 So cause to fall upon us fragments of the sky, if what you say is true.' 188 Shu'ayb answered, 'My Lord knows best whatever you do.' 189 Thus they gave him the lie. So the torment seized them on the day - dark with shadows (i.e. deadly clouds). Indeed, it was the torment of a tremendous Day. 190 Indeed, there is a (messageful) sign in this, yet most of them would not believe. 191 And indeed, your Lord - He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful. 192 And behold, this (divine Book) is indeed a revelation from the Lord of the universe. 193 The Trustworthy Spirit (i.e. Gabriel) has brought it down 194 (by the command of God) upon your heart (O prophet), so that you may be one of the warners, 195 in clear Arabic language. 196 And it was indeed (mentioned) in the scriptures of the former people.

197 Is it not evidence enough for them (i.e. for the Makkans) that it is recognized by the scholars of the children of Israel (to be true)? 198 And even if We had revealed it to anyone of the non-Arabs, 199 and he had recited it to them (i.e.

to Arabic knowing people, in fluent Arabic), still they would not have believed in it. 200 Thus have We inserted it (i.e. the denial of the truth) into the hearts of the sinners. 201 They will not believe in it until they see the painful punishment, 202 and it will come to them all of a sudden, while they are not expecting it; 203 then they will cry. 'Can we be given some respite?'

204 Do they (really seek to) hasten Our punishment? 205 But have you ever thought (about this), if We do allow them to enjoy (this life) for some years; 206 and thereupon that (punishment) which they were warned of befalls them; 207 of what avail to them will be their past enjoyments? 208 We have never destroyed any town without sending them warners 209 to admonish them, for never do We wrong (anyone).

210 It was not the devils who brought down the Quran, 211 for it does not suit them, nor are they able to do (it), 212 for they are (strictly) barred from (even) overhearing it.

213 So do not invoke any other deity side by side with (the One True) God, lest you find yourself among those who are to be punished. 214 And warn (starting with) your closest kindred, 215 and spread the wings of your tenderness (i.e. be gracious) over those who follow you of the believers. 216 But if they disobey you, then say, 'Indeed, I am free (of responsibility) for whatever you do.' 217 And put your trust in the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful - 218 Who sees you when you rise (before Him in prayer); 219 (and sees) your movements among those who prostrate themselves (before Him). 220 Indeed, He (alone) is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.

221 Shall I inform you upon whom the evil spirits (actually) descend? 222 They descend upon every sinful liar, 223 who whisper hearsay in the ears, but most of them are liars. 224 And as for the poets, it is the misled who follow them. 225 Do you not see that they wander aimlessly in every valley, 226 and that they say what they do not do? 227 Not so are the true believers who do righteous deeds, and remember God much, and defend themselves after being wronged. And those who are bent on

wrongdoing will soon come to know what (kind of) end awaits them.

SURAH–27. AN-NAML

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Taa, Seen! These are the messages of the Quran, a clear (heavenly) Book (showing the truth). 2 It is a guidance and glad tidings for the believers - 3 (those) who keep up prayer and spend in charity, for it is they who have firm faith in the (post-death) eternal life. 4 As for those who do not believe in the (post-death) eternal life, We have certainly made their (evil) deeds appealing to them, so they wander blindly. 5 It is they who deserve the worst punishment, and in the eternal life they will (truly) be the worst losers. 6 (O prophet,) indeed, you are receiving the Quran from the One (Who is) Supremely Wise, All-Knowing.

7 (Remember,) when Moses said to his family, 'Behold I have perceived a fire. I may bring you from there some directions or a burning brand, so that you may warm yourselves. 8 But when he came to it, a call was sounded, 'Blessed is He Who is at the Fire, and whoever is around it. All Glory be to God - the Lord of the universe.

9 (And God spoke thus:) **'O MOSES! INDEED, I ALONE AM GOD - THE SUPREME IN MIGHT, THE SUPREME IN WISDOM.'**

Note: - None can give such a statement except the One - Who is, in fact, God. This statement is itself a proof that it is of the One True God.

10 (And God continued,) 'Throw down your staff.' But when (he threw it down,) he saw it moving, as if it were a snake, he turned and ran away without looking back. (God reassured him,) 'O Moses! Do not be afraid, behold, the messengers do

not fear in My presence, 11 except him who has done wrong, (but he need not fear who) replaces the wrong with good. Then I am indeed Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 12 Now put your hand into your bosom (i.e. the bosom of your robe), it will come out (shining) white, without any blemish. (These are) among the nine (messageful) signs for Pharaoh and his people. Indeed, they have been a defiantly disobedient people.' 13 But when Our eye-opening signs came to them, they said, 'This is (but) a clear sorcery.' 14 And they rejected those signs wrongfully and arrogantly, although their minds were convinced of their truth. So see how was the end of those who spread corruption!

15 And indeed, We bestowed knowledge on David and Solomon (as well); and they both said (in acknowledgement), 'All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - the One Who has favoured us over many of His believing servants!' 16 And Solomon inherited David. He said, 'O people, we have been taught the speech of birds, and we have been given everything. Indeed, this is an evident grace!'

17 And (one day) Solomon's hosts of jinn, and men, and birds - all were gathered together in his presence; and they all were set in battle order (for marching). 18 (They marched) until when they came across a valley (full) of the ants, an ant warned, 'O you ants! Go quickly into your dwellings, lest Solomon and his hosts crush you unknowingly.' 19 So Solomon smiled in amusement at her speech, and prayed, 'O my Lord! Inspire me to (always) be grateful for Your blessings which You have bestowed upon me and my parents, and to do righteous deeds that please You; and admit me, by Your grace, into (the company of) Your righteous servants.'

20 (One day) Solomon inspected the birds, and wondered, 'Why is it that I cannot see the hoopoe, or is he among the absent? 21 I will surely punish him with severe punishment, or (even) slaughter him, unless he brings me a valid reason (for his absence).' 22 It was not long before the hoopoe came and said, 'I have learnt something what you did not, I have come to

you from Sheba with sure news. 23 Behold, I found there a woman ruling over them; and she has been given everything, and she has a magnificent throne. 24 **I found her and her people prostrating to the sun instead of (the One True) God, for Satan has made their (evil) deeds appealing to them, and has thus hindered them from the path (of God), so they do not find the right path.** 25 (And due to being inspired by Satan) they do not prostrate to God Who brings forth what is hidden in the heavens and the earth, and knows whatever you keep secret, and whatever you disclose - 26 (the One True) God - there does not exist any deity except Him - the Lord of the Great Throne (of entire universe).'

Note: - Even animals who have very tiny minds do not accept non-deity as deity, but it is human being who having unlimited mental potential accepts a non-deity as deity under the guidance of Satan. It is highly shameful act on behalf of man - naming a non-deity a deity. We can simply observe this fact everywhere that no animal ever respects the so-called deities erected by humans. We humans must at least follow animals in this regard. If those erected deities were in fact deities of humans, then they would be certainly deities of animals too.

The people deprived of the truth creates so-called deities here and there, but according to the Quran a small bird rejects even the sun that illuminates the entire globe to be a deity, and it calls such act of naming a non-deity a deity a satanic act.

27 Solomon said, 'We will see whether you have told the truth, or you are one of the liars. 28 Go with this letter of mine

and deliver it to them; then withdraw from them, and see how they respond.' 29 (When the Queen read Solomon's letter,) She said, 'O chiefs! Indeed, a noble letter has been delivered to me. 30 Behold, it is from Solomon, and it reads, 'In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. 31 Do not be arrogant towards me, but come up to me (being) totally submissive (to God)!' 32 She added, 'O chiefs! Advise me in my affair (which I am now faced); for I would never make any (big) decision without your consent.' 33 They answered, 'We are powerful and tough fighters, but the command rests with you; so consider what command you should give (to us).' 34 She said, 'In fact, when the kings enter a town, they devastate it, and humiliate its honourable inhabitants. And they (too) will do the same. 35 But, behold, I am going to send a gift to them; and I will see with what (response) the message-bearers come back.'

36 Now when (the Queen's) message-bearer came to Solomon (and presented a gift), then Solomon said to him, 'Do you seek to appease me with wealth? But that which God has given me is far better than that which He has given you. Rather, it is you who rejoice in (receiving) gifts.' 37 (He said to the message-bearer,) 'Go you back to them (who have sent you), we will definitely come up against them with forces which they can never resist, and we will definitely drive them out from there disgraced and humbled (if they refuse to submit).'

38 (When Solomon learned that the queen of Sheba was coming,) He said (to his council), 'O you chiefs! Which one of you can bring me her throne before they come to me in (full) submission?' 39 A strong one of the jinn-beings replied, 'I will bring it to you before you rise up from your place. And I am quite strong and trustworthy for this (task).' 40 But the one who had the knowledge of the (divine) Book said, 'I will bring it to you in the blink of an eye.' Then when Solomon saw it placed before him, he exclaimed, 'This is of the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I will be grateful or ungrateful! And whoever

is grateful (to God) is but grateful for his own good. And whoever is ungrateful (should know that) indeed, my Lord is Self-Sufficient and Most Generous.'

41 He continued, 'Disguise her throne for her, so that we may see whether she can discover the truth, or she will be of those who cannot recognize.' 42 So when she arrived, she was asked, 'Is your throne like this?' She answered, 'It is (exactly) like this.' (Solomon said to his chiefs,) 'And we were given knowledge before her, and we have already submitted ourselves (to God).' 43 (And she recognized the truth) that which she used to worship instead of (the One True) God had kept her away (from the right path), for, indeed, she was from a people who used to deny the truth. 44 She was told, 'Enter the palace.' But when she saw it, she thought it was a deep pool of water, so she (tucked up her clothes and) uncovered her shanks. Solomon said, 'Behold, it is a palace paved smooth with glass.' She said, 'O my Lord! Indeed, I have wronged myself (by worshipping false deities, but now) I have (fully) submitted myself along with Solomon to (the One True) God - the Lord of the universe.'

45 And to (the tribe of) Thamood We sent their brother Salih (with this message,) 'Worship God (alone),' but they suddenly split into two groups quarrelling with each other. 46 Salih said (to the denying group), 'O my people! Why do you seek to hasten the coming upon you of evil instead of (hoping for) the good? Why do you not, rather, ask God to forgive you your sins, so that you may be graced with (His) mercy?' 47 They answered, 'We regard you and those who are with you as a bad omen.' He said, 'Your omens (good or bad) are destined by God. In fact, you are a people who are being tested.'

48 And there were in the city nine clan heads who used to spread corruption in the land without doing anything good. 49 They said, '(Let us) bind ourselves by an oath sworn in the name of God that we will attack Salih and his family by night (and kill them). Then we will boldly say to his patron, 'We did not witness the murder of his family, and we are indeed

truthful.' 50 Thus they devised an evil scheme; but We too devised a (subtle) scheme (of Our own), while they did not perceive it. 51 Then see how was the end of their scheming, (for) We utterly destroyed them and their people all together; 52 So those are their houses in utter ruin, because they did wrong. Behold, there is a message in this for people of knowledge. 53 And We saved those who attained to faith and were conscious of Us.

54 And (remember) Lot, when he rebuked (the men of) his people, 'Do you commit the obscene act while you behold (it is impure)? 55 What! Do you really approach men with lust instead of women? In fact, you are a people behaving ignorantly!' 56 But his people's only response was that they said, 'Drive out (Lot and) the family of Lot (i.e. his followers) from your town! Indeed, they are a people who want to remain chaste!' 57 So We saved him and his household except his wife; We destined her to be one of those who remained behind (i.e. doomed). 58 And We poured upon them a rain (of stones), how terrible was the rain of those who were forewarned! 59 Say (O prophet), 'All praise (and gratitude) is for (the One True) God (alone), and peace be upon His servants whom He has chosen. Is (Almighty) God better or that which they associate with Him (as His partners)?'

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60 Is He (not better than your so-called deities) Who created the heavens and the earth, and sent down for you (life-giving) rain from the sky, causing to grow thereby delightful gardens? (Whereas O people!) You could never cause their trees to grow. Could there be any (divine) power besides (the One True) God? Absolutely not! But they are a people who (unjustly) ascribe equals (to Him). 61 Is He (not better than your so-called deities) Who made the earth a stable place (for living things), and caused running waters (to flow) in its midst, and set upon it firm mountains, and set a barrier between (fresh and salt) bodies of water? Can there be any (divine) power besides (the One) God? Absolutely not! But most of them do not know.

62 Is He (not better than your so-called deities) Who responds to the desperate one when he calls out to Him; and removes evil (that caused the distress), and makes you successors on the earth? Can there be any (divine) power besides (the One True) God? How little you take admonition! 63 Is He (not better than your so-called deities) Who guides you in the (depths of) darkness of the land and sea, and Who sends the winds as glad tidings ahead of His grace (in the form of rain)? Can there be any (divine) power besides (the One True) God? Exalted is God far above what they associate (with Him). 64 Is He (not better than your so-called deities) Who originates the creation then resurrects it, and Who gives you sustenance from heaven and earth? Can there be any (divine) power besides (the One True) God? Say, 'Bring your proof if what you say is true.'

65 Say, 'None in the heavens and the earth knows the hidden realities except God, and they are not aware when they will be resurrected.' 66 In fact, their knowledge cannot comprehend the (post-death) eternal life, rather, they are in doubt about it, rather, they are (totally) blind about it. 67 And those who deny the truth say, 'What! Is it that when we and our forefathers have become dust, shall we really be brought back to life again? 68 Indeed, we and our forefathers have been promised this before. This is nothing but stories of ancients.' 69 Say (O prophet), 'Travel through the land and see how was the end of the criminals.'

70 And do not grieve over them, nor be distressed for what they scheme. 71 They ask (the believers), 'When will this warning (come to pass, answer), if you are sincere?' 72 Say, 'Perhaps some of what you seek to hasten is quite near to you.' 73 Indeed, your Lord is full of bounty for mankind, but most of them are not grateful. 74 And indeed, your Lord knows whatever their hearts conceal and whatever they disclose; 75 for there is nothing hidden in the heavens and the earth, but is (written) in His perfect Record.

76 Behold, this Quran clarifies for the children of Israel most of that over which they differ. 77 And it is truly a guidance and grace for all who believe (in it). 78 Indeed, your Lord will judge between them by His wisdom. For He is the Supreme in might, the All-Knower. 79 So put your trust in God (alone); for you are surely on the (path of) clear truth. 80 Indeed, you cannot cause the dead (of mind) to hear (the truth), nor can you cause the deaf (of mind) to hear the call (to the truth), when they turn their backs retreating, 81 nor can you ever guide the blind (of mind, bringing them) out of their error. You can only cause to hear (the truth) - those who (are willing to) believe in Our messages, (fully) submitting themselves (to Us).

82 And (as for the deaf and blind of mind) when the decree (of the Hour) comes to pass against them, We will bring forth to them a creature from the earth, which will tell them that people had no sure faith in Our messages. 83 And (beware of) the Day when We will gather from every community a group of those who used to give the lie to Our messages; and they will be driven in ranks; 84 until, they come (to be judged). God will ask (them), 'Did you give the lie to My messages without (even) comprehending them? Or what was it that you used to do?' 85 The decree (of punishment) will befall them because of their wrongdoing, leaving them speechless. 86 Do they not see that We made the night for them to rest in, and made the day bright? Behold, there are (messageful) signs in this for those who believe!

87 And (beware of) the Day when the trumpet is blown, and whoever is in the heavens, and whoever is on the earth will be terrified, except whom God wills. And all will come to Him in utter humility. 88 And you will see the mountains thinking that they are firmly fixed, but (on that Day) they will be passing away as the clouds pass away. Such is the design of God - Who has perfected all things. Indeed, He is Ever-Aware of whatever you do. 89 (On that Day) whoever comes (before

Him) with a good deed will be rewarded with better than it, and on that Day they will be safe from the horror. 90 But whoever comes with an evil deed, such people will be cast down into the Fire on their faces. (And they will be asked,) 'Are you recompensed except for whatever you used to do?

91 (Say, O prophet,) 'I have been commanded only to worship the Lord of this city (of Makkah), the One Who has made it sacred and to Whom belongs all things. And I have been commanded to be of those who (fully) submit themselves to Him, 92 and (I have been commanded) to convey (the message of) the Quran (to the world).' **THEN WHOEVER CHOOSES TO FOLLOW THE RIGHT PATH, FOLLOWS IT BUT FOR HIS OWN GOOD;** but whoever chooses to go astray, say (to him), 'I am only one of the warners.' 93 And say, 'All praise (and gratitude) is for (the One True) God (alone)! He will soon show you His (messageful) signs, then you will recognize them. And your Lord is never unaware of whatever you do.'

SURAH–28. AL-QASAS

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Taa, Seen, Meem. 2 These are the messages of the clear Book. 3 We (now) recount to you some of the story of Moses and Pharaoh, setting forth the truth, for those who believe.

4 **BEHOLD, PHARAOH EXALTED HIMSELF IN THE LAND AND DIVIDED ITS PEOPLE INTO (DIFFERENT) CASTES; AND HE USED TO OPPRESS A GROUP FROM AMONG THEM,** he would slaughter their sons and spare (only) their women, he was truly one of those who spread corruption (in the land).

Note: - Dividing mankind into various castes is not the act of God at all. But it is the act of some people - who divided

mankind into castes - such as upper caste and lower caste - only for the sake of their selfish motives. The True God Who is the Creator, Sustainer and Nourisher of mankind can never discriminate among His creation.

5 And We wanted to bestow Our favour upon those who were oppressed in the land, and make them leaders and inheritors (of Our bounties). 6 And (We wanted) to establish them in the land; and show Pharaoh and (his minister) Haamaan and their hosts - the very thing which they feared.

7 And We inspired (thus) to the mother of Moses, 'Suckle him (for a time), but when you fear for him (that he may be a victim of king's movement of killing the infants of Israel), then cast him into the river (by putting him into a box), and have no fear, and do not grieve. We will certainly return him to you, and will make him one of the messengers.' 8 And (it so happened that) Pharaoh's household picked him up, so that he might become an enemy and a (cause of) grief for them (in future). Indeed, Pharaoh and Haamaan and their hosts were sinners. 9 And the wife of Pharaoh said, '(This baby will be) a comfort of eye for me and for you. Do not kill him, (for) he may benefit us, or we may adopt him as a son!' And they were unaware (of the consequences).

10 And the heart of Moses' mother became restless (i.e. her mind was empty from every thought except Moses). She was about to disclose (the matter) concerning him if We had not strengthened her heart. (But We strengthened her heart,) so that she might be a firm believer (in Our promise). 11 And she said to Moses' sister, 'Keep track of him.' So she kept watching him from a distance, while they did not perceive. 12 And We had already caused him to refuse (all) wet nurses, then Moses' sister suggested, 'Shall I direct you to a household who will nurse him for you, and take good care of him?' 13 And Thus We returned him to his mother, so that her eyes might be comforted, and that she might not grieve, and that she might know that God's promise is (always) true. Yet most of them do not know. 14 And when Moses reached his full strength and

maturity, We bestowed upon him wisdom and knowledge. This is how We reward those who do good with excellence.

15 And (one day) he entered the city unnoticed by its people. And he found there two men fighting with each other; one of his own people, and the other of his enemies. The one who belonged to his own people cried out to him for help against him who was of his enemies, so Moses struck him with his fist, and (unintentionally) killed him. Then Moses cried (out of remorse), 'This is of the act of Satan. He is truly a sworn enemy leading (man) astray.' 16 Moses pleaded, 'O my Lord! I have definitely wronged myself, so forgive me.' So God forgave him. For, indeed, He (alone) is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful. 17 Moses pledged, 'O my Lord! Because You have bestowed a favour on me, (I vow that) I will never be a supporter of the criminals.'

18 In the (next) morning, when he was (walking) in the city, fearful and vigilant, behold! The man who had sought his help the previous day, cried out to him for help (once again). Moses rebuked him, 'Behold, you are clearly a trouble-maker.' 19 Then when he wanted to seize the one who was an enemy to both of them, the man said, 'O Moses! Do you intend to kill me as you killed that person yesterday? You only want to become a tyrant in the land; and do not want to be one of the peace-makers!' 20 Then there came a man running from the farthest end of the city and said, 'O Moses! Behold, the chiefs (of the kingdom) are actually consulting together to kill you, so leave (the city), Indeed, I am a sincere advisor to you.' 21 So Moses departed from the city, fearing and vigilant. He prayed, 'O my Lord! Save me from the wrongdoing people.'

22 And when he made his way towards Madyan, he said, 'I hope my Lord will surely guide me to the right path.' 23 And when he arrived at the watering place of Madyan, he found there a group of men watering (their flocks), and he noticed two women standing apart from them, who were holding back their flocks. He asked (them), 'What is the matter with you?' They answered, 'We cannot water (our flocks) until the

herdsmen take away (their flocks); and our father is a very old man.' 24 So he watered (their flocks) for them; then he turned to a shade and prayed, 'O My Lord! I am truly in (desperate) need of whatever blessing You may bestow upon me!'

25 (Shortly) afterwards, one of the two (maidens) came to him walking with shyness. She said, 'Behold, my father is inviting you, so that he may reward you for watering (our flocks) for us.' So when he came to him and told him the whole story (of his life), the old man said, 'Have no fear, you are (now) safe from the evildoing people!' 26 One of the two (daughters) suggested, 'O my dear father! Hire him, for, behold, the best (man) that you can hire is one who is strong and trustworthy.' 27 (After some time, the old man) proposed (to Moses), 'I would like to give you one of these two daughters of mine in marriage on (the understanding) that you will remain eight years in my service; but if you complete ten (years), then it would be (an act of favour) from you. But I do not want to impose any hardship on you. God willing, you will find me one of the righteous.' 28 Moses answered, 'That is agreed between you and I. Whichever of the two terms I complete, then let there be no further obligation on me; and God is Witness over what we say.'

29 And when Moses had fulfilled the term and was travelling with his family, he perceived a fire on the side of Mount (Sinai), (and so) he said to his family, 'Wait here. Behold, I have perceived a fire, perhaps I will bring you from there (some) directions, or a burning brand from the fire, so that you may warm yourselves.' 30 But when he came to it, a call was sounded from the right side bank of the valley in a blessed place from the tree, **'O MOSES! I AM GOD, THE SUSTAINER OF THE UNIVERSE!'**

Note: - None but the True God can give such a statement. None but the True Creator can be the Sustainer of the universe.

31 (God continued, O Moses!) 'Throw down your staff.' But when he saw it moving as if it were a snake, he turned back and ran away without looking back. (God reassured him,) O Moses! Come forward, and do not fear. Indeed, you are of (those who are perfectly) safe. 32 (And now) insert your hand into your bosom, (and) it will come out (shining) white, without blemish; now draw your arms close to your body to calm your fears. These are two evidences from your Lord to Pharaoh and his chiefs, for, behold, they are a people bent on disobeying!'

33 Moses said, 'O my Lord! Indeed, I have (unintentionally) killed one of their men, so I fear that they may kill me. 34 And my brother Aaron is more eloquent than me in speech, so send him with me as a supporter, verifying me, for I truly fear that they will give me the lie.' 35 God said, 'We will strengthen your arm through your brother, and We will give both of you such a power that they will not be able to harm you. (Set forth) with Our signs, you and those who follow you will (certainly) prevail.'

36 But when Moses came to them with Our clear signs, they (i.e. Pharaoh and his chiefs) said (arrogantly), 'All this is nothing but forged (tricks of) sorcery; and we have never heard (the like of) this (religion) from our forefathers.' 37 And Moses said, 'My Lord knows best who has come with (true) guidance from Him, and who will have the best abode in the end. Indeed, the evildoers will never succeed.' 38 And Pharaoh said, 'O you chiefs! I do not know of any deity for you other than myself! So bake bricks out of clay for me, O Haamaan! And then build a lofty tower, so that I may have a look at the God of Moses. Behold, I think he is of the liars.'

39 (THUS) HE AND HIS HOSTS BEHAVED ARROGANTLY IN THE LAND WITHOUT ANY RIGHT, AND THEY THOUGHT THAT THEY WOULD NEVER BE BROUGHT BACK TO US.

Note: - The root cause of arrogance lies in the sense of unaccountability. When one thinks that he is not accountable to the Almighty, then surely his behaviour will be full of arrogance.

40 So (at last) We seized him and his hosts and cast them into the sea. So see how was the end of the evildoers. 41 And We made them (i.e. those arrogant) leaders - calling (people) to the Fire, and on the Day of Resurrection, they will not be helped. 42 And We caused a curse to pursue them in this world, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be among the despised. 43 And (then,) indeed, after We had destroyed those earlier generations (of sinners), We gave Moses the (divine) Book as a means of insight for people, and as a guidance and grace, so that they may take heed.

44 And (O prophet,) you were not present on the western side (of the Mount Sinai) when We gave Our commandments to Moses, nor were you among the witnesses (of the children of Israel). 45 But (after Moses) We brought forth (many) generations, and a long time passed over them (so they neglected the commandments over time). And (O prophet,) you were not a dweller among the people of Madyan, conveying Our messages to them, but it is We Who kept sending messengers (to convey Our messages). 46 And neither were you present at the side of Mount (Sinai) when We called out (to Moses). But (you too have been sent) as an act of Your Lord's grace, to warn a people to whom no warner had come before you, so that they may take heed. 47 So they would not say - if struck by an affliction for what their hands have sent forth, 'O our Lord! If only You had sent us a messenger, we would have followed Your messages, and would have been of the believers.'

48 But when the truth came to them from Us, they said, 'Why has he not been given the like of what Moses was given?' But did they not deny what Moses was given before? They claimed, 'Both (revelations) are works of sorcery -

supporting each other.' And they say, 'Behold, We refuse to accept both of them (as true)!'

49 **SAY, 'THEN BRING A BOOK FROM GOD WHICH IS BETTER GUIDE THAN BOTH OF THEM (I.E. BETTER THAN THE QURAN AND THE TORAH) AND I WILL FOLLOW IT, IF YOU ARE SINCERE (IN YOUR CLAIM, BRING IT).** 50 **But if they do not (accept the challenge and) respond to you, then know that they only follow their own prejudices. And who can be more astray than he who follows his own prejudice without any guidance from God? Indeed, God does not guide the evildoing people.** 51 Indeed, We have (repeatedly and clearly) conveyed to them the word (of Ours), so that they may take heed.

Note: - None can give such a statement except the one who has got the truth with total conviction.

Only the truth can answer the truth. If a man denies the truth, and is unable to produce any other superior truth in its place, it indicates that he is denying the truth as a result of following the dictates of his base desires. Those who behave in this way have surely gone astray, and are the worst of people. Such people will be treated by God as transgressors.

52 (As for) those to whom We had given the (divine) Book before this (Quran), they do believe in it. 53 And when this (Quran) is recited to them, they say, 'We have come to believe in it. Behold, it is the truth from our Lord. Indeed, even before

this, we had already submitted ourselves.' 54 These (believers) will be given their reward twice, because they patiently endured, and (because) they repel the evil with good; and they spend (in Our cause) out of what We have provided for them; 55 and whenever they hear vain talk, they turn away from it, and say, 'We are accountable for our deeds and you for yours. Peace (is our only response) to you! We do not seek (the way of) the ignorant.' 56 Indeed, (O prophet,) you cannot guide whomever you like, but it is God Who guides whomever He wills; and He knows best who are (fit to be) guided.

57 And they (i.e. the Makkans) say, 'If we follow the guidance to which you (call us), we would be snatched away from our very soil!' But have We not established for them a safe sanctuary (i.e. Kaabah in Makkah), to which fruits of all kinds are brought as a provision from Us? But most of them are unaware (of this favour).

58 How many towns We have destroyed that were exulted in its means of livelihood (i.e. became arrogant due to the affluence)! And those are their dwellings which were never inhabited after them, except briefly; for it is We (alone) Who were the Successor. 59 And (O prophet) your Lord would never destroy the towns, without first sending to their main city a messenger, conveying to them Our messages; nor would We ever destroy the towns, unless their inhabitants persisted in wrongdoing.

60 **AND (REMEMBER) WHATEVER (PLEASURE) YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN IS NO MORE THAN A (FLEETING) ENJOYMENT OF THIS WORLDLY LIFE AND ITS ADORNMENT. But what is with God is far better and everlasting. Will you not then use your reason?** 61 Is he whom We have promised an excellent promise (i.e. Paradise) - which he will

find true - like him whom We provided the enjoyment of this worldly life, but on the Day of Resurrection he (who lived only for worldly enjoyment) will be among those presented (to be punished)?

62 And (beware of) the Day when God will call out to them and ask, 'Where, now, are those (beings or powers) whom you claimed to have a share in My divinity?' 63 Those (misleaders) against whom the word (i.e. decree of torment) has come true will cry, 'O our Lord, these are the ones whom we misguided; we misguided them as we ourselves were misguided. We disassociate ourselves (from them) before You; it was not us that they used to worship.' 64 Then it will be said (to the deniers of the truth), 'Invoke your associated deities (for help).' They will invoke them, but will receive no response, and they will face the punishment, wishing that they had followed guidance! 65 And on that Day when God will call out to them and ask, 'What response did you give to the messengers?'

66 But the information will be obscure to them on that Day (i.e. they will be dumbstruck on that Day), they will not (be able to) consult each other. 67 But as for him who repents, and believes, and does the righteous deeds, hopefully he will be among the successful.

68 And your Lord creates whatever He wills, and chooses (whomsoever He pleases). They do not have a choice at all. All Glory be to God, and Exalted is He far above whatever they associate (with Him). 69 And your Lord knows whatever their hearts conceal, and whatever they reveal. 70 **HE IS (THE ONE TRUE) GOD, THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM. ALL PRAISE (AND GRATITUDE) IS FOR HIM (ALONE) IN THIS WORLD AND IN THE ETERNAL WORLD.** And with Him rests (all) judgement; and to Him you will all be brought back.

Note: - This is an introduction of the True God of mankind. He alone is always Worthy of praise and gratitude. He alone is the Ultimate Judge. And all will be brought in His court for eternal judgement.

71 Ask (them), 'Imagine, if God were to make the night perpetual for you until the Day of Resurrection, does there exist any deity other than (the One True) God that could bring you shining light? Will you not then listen (to the message of the truth)?'

Note: - The cycle of day and night on the earth is a part of proper and balanced functioning of the elements of the entire universe. But who is there other than the True Master of the universe that can cause all the elements of the universe to work in proper and balanced way.

72 Ask (them also), 'Imagine, if God were to make the day perpetual for you until the Day of Resurrection, does there exist any deity other than (the One True) God that could bring you night, in which you could rest? Will you not then see (the truth)?' 73 It is out of His grace that He has made for you the night and the day, so that you may rest therein (i.e. during the night), and seek (to obtain what you need) of His bounty (during the day), so that you may be grateful.

74 And (beware of) the Day when He will call out to them and say, 'Where, now, are those (beings or powers) whom you claimed to have a share in My divinity?' 75 And We will bring forth from every people a witness, and We will say to them, 'Bring your proof (for what you have been claiming). Then they will come to know that the truth belongs to God alone, and all (false deities) will be lost from them what they used to fabricate.

76 Behold, Qaaroon (Korah) was one of the people of Moses, but he behaved arrogantly towards them. We had given him such treasures that even their keys would burden a group of strong men. When his people advised him, 'Do not exult (in your wealth), for, surely, God does not like those who exult (in vain things). 77 Rather, seek the home of eternal life by means of what God has given you, and do not forget your (rightful) share in this world; and do good (to others) as God has done good to you; and do not seek to spread corruption in the land, (for,) indeed, God does not like the spreaders of corruption!'

78 Qaaroon answered, 'This (wealth) has been given to me only by virtue of the knowledge which I have.' Did he not know that (Almighty) God had destroyed before him (such) generations, who were far stronger than him in power and greater in accumulation (of wealth and followers). And the criminal will not be questioned for their sins (i.e. there will be no need of explanations of their sins). 79 (One day) he came out before his people in (all) his splendour. Those who desired (only) the life of this world wished, 'Oh, if only we could have something like what Qaaroon has been given. He is truly a man of tremendous fortune.' 80 But those who were given the knowledge (of the reality of life) said, 'Woe to you! God's reward is far better for those who believe and do righteous deeds, and it is awarded only to those who are steadfast.' 81 Then We caused the earth to swallow up him and his mansion; and he had no group to help him against God, nor was he of those who could defend themselves. 82 And those who had coveted his position the day before - began to say, 'Alas (for - our not having been aware of this fact,) that it is certainly God Who gives abundant sustenance, or gives it in scant measure, to whomever He wills of His servants. Had it not been for the grace of God, He could have surely caused (the earth) to swallow us up too! **ALAS, INDEED! THOSE WHO DENY THE TRUTH WILL NEVER SUCCEED.'**

83 As for the abode of the eternal life, We will give it (only) to those who do not seek to exalt themselves on the earth, nor they desire to spread corruption. And the ultimate outcome (i.e. the eternal good) is (only) for the God-conscious. 84 Whoever comes (on the Day of Judgement) with a good deed will be rewarded with what is better; and whoever comes with an evil deed, then those who did evil deeds will only be recompensed for whatever they used to do. 85 Most certainly, the One Who has ordained the Quran for you will (ultimately) bring you back to the destination (i.e. to the successful end). Say, 'My Lord knows best who has come with (true) guidance, and who is in evident error.

86 (Now as for yourself,) you were never expecting that the (heavenly) Book would be sent down to you, but (it did come to you) only (as) a mercy from your Lord. So never be a supporter of those who deny the truth (of divine guidance). 87 And never let them turn you away from God's messages after they have been revealed to you. Rather, call people to (the way of) your Lord. And never be of those who ascribe divinity to others with God, 88 and never invoke any other deity side by side with (the One True) God. **THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM. EVERYTHING IS BOUND TO PERISH EXCEPT HIS (ETERNAL) SELF,** with Him rests all judgement; and to Him you will all be brought back.

SURAH–29. AL-ANKABOOT

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Meem. 2 Do people think once they say, 'We have attained to faith,' they will be left without being put to the test? 3 But We did test even those who were before them; for God will certainly make evident those who are sincere, and He will certainly make evident the liars.

4 Or do those who do evil deeds (simply) think that they can escape Us? (Indeed,) evil is that what they judge! 5 Whoever hopes for the meeting with God (should know that), God's appointed hour is bound to come. And He (alone) is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. 6 And whoever strives hard (in God's cause), does so only for his own good. **INDEED, GOD IS NOT IN NEED OF (ANY OF HIS) CREATION.**

Note: - This is an introduction of the True Sustainer of the universe - the Supremely Mighty. He is never in need of any of His creation, but He fulfils the needs of all created beings.

7 And those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, We will certainly efface their (previous) evil deeds, and We will surely reward them according to the best of whatever they used to do. 8 And We have enjoined upon man goodness towards his parents. But if they urge you to associate with Me that of which you have no knowledge, then do not obey them. It is to Me you will all return, then I will inform you of what you used to do. 9 But as for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, We will surely admit them into (the company of) the righteous.

10 There are some among people who say, 'We do believe in God.' But when any (of them) is made to suffer in God's cause, he thinks the persecution at the hands of people as if (it were) God's retribution. But when victory comes from your Lord, such people will surely say, 'Behold, we have always been with you.' **IS GOD NOT FULLY AWARE OF WHAT IS IN THE HEARTS OF ALL PEOPLE?** 11 And God will surely mark out those who have (truly) attained to faith, and He will also mark out the hypocrites.

12 And those who deny the truth (i.e. the leaders of the untruth) say to those who have attained to faith, '(Just) follow our path, and we will bear (the burden of) your sins.' But they will never bear anything of their sins. Behold, they are liars indeed! 13 But they will surely bear their own burdens, as well

as other burdens along with their own (for misguiding others); and they will certainly be called to account on the Day of Resurrection concerning whatever they used to fabricate.

14 Indeed, We sent Noah to his people, and he lived among them for a thousand years, less fifty. Then the flood seized them (i.e. the deniers of the truth among his people), while they persisted in wrongdoing. **15** But We saved Noah and all who were in the Ark (with him), and We made it a sign for mankind.

16 And (We sent) Abraham - when he said to his people, 'Worship (the One True) God (alone), and be conscious of Him. This is best for you, if you but knew it! **17** You only worship (lifeless graven) idols instead of (the True) God, thus you fabricate lies. Behold, those (things and beings) that you worship instead of (the True) God have no power to provide sustenance for you. So seek (your) sustenance from God, and worship Him alone, and be grateful to Him (alone), (for) to Him you will all be brought back!' **18** And if you give the lie (to the message of the truth), other communities before you also gave the lie (to the message of the truth). The duty of the messenger is only to deliver the message clearly.

19 Are they (who deny the truth) not aware of how God originates the creation then resurrects it? That is certainly easy for God. **20** Say, 'Travel through the land and see how He originated the creation (for the first time). Then God will repeat it for the second time. Indeed, God is Ever-Powerful over all things.' **21** He punishes whomever He wills, and bestows His mercy on whomever He wills; and to Him you will all be made to return. **22** And you cannot escape Him on earth or in the heaven; and you have none to protect you from God, and none to help you (against God). **23** And those who deny (the truth of) God's messages and (their) meeting with Him, it is they who have despaired of My grace, and they will suffer a painful punishment.

24 The only response of Abraham's people was that they said, 'Kill him or burn him!' But God saved him from the fire.

Behold, in this (story) there are messages for those who believe. 25 And (Abraham) said (to his people), **'YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO WORSHIP IDOLS INSTEAD OF (THE ONE TRUE) GOD, only as (a means of) amity among yourselves in this worldly life. But on the Day of Resurrection you will disown and curse each other, and your abode will be the Fire, and you will have no helpers.** 26 And Lot was the one who came to believe in Abraham and said, 'Indeed, I am emigrating to my Lord. He is indeed the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom!' 27 And (as for Abraham,) We bestowed upon him Isaac and (further as grandson) Jacob, and We placed in his offspring prophethood and the Book. And We gave him his reward in this world, and of course, in the eternal life, he will be among the righteous.

28 And (We sent) Lot (to his people as Our messenger), when he rebuked (the men of) his people, 'Indeed, you commit (such) an obscene act that no one in the world has ever committed before you! 29 Do you approach men (with lust), and rob the wayfarers, and practice immorality (openly) in your meetings?' But his people's only response was that they said (mockingly), 'Bring down upon us God's punishment, if what you say is true.' 30 Lot prayed, 'O my Lord! Help me against the corrupt people.'

31 And when Our angel-messengers came to Abraham with the glad tidings (of the birth of Isaac), they (also) said, 'Behold, we are going to destroy the people of that township, for its people have persisted in wrongdoing.' 32 Abraham exclaimed, 'But Lot lives there!' They answered, 'We know well who is in it. We will certainly save him and his family, except his wife; she will be of those who remain behind.' 33 And when Our angel-messengers came to Lot, he was distressed by their

arrival, and felt troubled on their account. (After giving their introduction) they reassured (him), 'Do not fear, nor grieve; we will surely save you and your family, except your wife. She will be among those who remain behind. 34 We will certainly send down upon the people of this town a punishment from the sky, because they are bent on disobeying.' 35 And (so it happened; and) We did leave some of its ruins as a clear (and messageful) sign for those who use their reason.

36 And to (the people of) Madyan (We sent) their brother Shu'ayb. He said, 'O my people! Worship (the One True) God (alone) and hope for (the reward of) the Last Day, and do not commit evil on the earth - spreading corruption.' 37 But they gave him the lie. So an (overwhelming) earthquake seized them, and they became fallen prone (i.e. dead) in their homes.

38 And (the tribes of) Aad and Thamood (too, did We destroy), and from their (ruined) dwellings this is apparent to you. Satan had made their (evil) deeds appealing to them, and hindered them from the path (of God), even though they were endowed with insight (i.e. the ability to perceive the truth).

39 And (thus, too, did We deal with) Qaaroon, Pharaoh and Haamaan. Indeed, Moses had come to them with clear evidence of the truth, but they behaved arrogantly in the land (and rejected Moses); but they could not escape (Our punishment). 40 Thus We seized each of them for his sins; against some of them We sent a violent storm (of stones), some were seized by a sudden blast, some We caused the earth to swallow, and some We drowned. And it was not God Who wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves.

41 THE EXAMPLE OF THOSE WHO TAKE PROTECTORS OTHER

THAN (THE ONE TRUE) GOD IS THAT OF THE SPIDER WHO BUILDS A HOUSE. Behold, the weakest of all the houses is the spider's house, if only they knew (the truth). 42 God surely knows whatever (deities) they invoke besides Him are (simply) nothing, for He (alone) is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 43 Such are the comparisons We set forth for people, but none will understand them except the people of knowledge. 44 God created the heavens and the earth for a true purpose; (for,) behold, there is a (messageful) sign in this for all who believe.

PART – 21 45 (O prophet!) Convey (to people) that which has been revealed to you of the (divine) Book, and be constant in prayer, for, behold, prayer restrains one from immoral acts and evil deeds; **AND THE REMEMBRANCE OF GOD IS INDEED THE GREATEST (GOOD).** And God knows all that you do.

46 And do not argue with the followers of the (earlier divine) Book except in a way that is best, except for those who are bent on evildoing among them. And say, 'We believe in that which has been sent down to us and which was sent down to you. **FOR OUR GOD AND YOUR GOD IS ONE (AND THE SAME)** and it is to Him that we (all) submit ourselves.'

47 And thus We have sent down to you the (divine) Book (i.e. the Quran). So those to whom We gave the (divine) Book (previously) believe in it; and among these (i.e. the people of Makkah) there are some who believe in it; and none rejects Our messages except those who are bent on denying the truth. 48 (O prophet!) You could not recite any writing (even) before this Quran, nor could you write it with your hand. Had it been so, the adherents of falsehood would have certainly raised doubts. 49 Rather, this (divine Book) consists of messages clear to the hearts of those who have been endowed with knowledge. And none rejects Our messages except the (stubborn) evildoers.

50 But they say, 'Why is it that no (miraculous) signs have ever been sent down to him from his Lord?' say, 'The (miraculous) signs are in the power of God alone, and I am only a clear warner.' 51 Does it not suffice them that We have sent down to you the (divine) Book, which is recited to them? Indeed, there is grace and reminder in it for those who believe. 52 Say, 'God is Sufficient as a Witness between you and me. He (fully) knows all that is in the heavens and the earth. **AND THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN FALSEHOOD AND DENY (THE ONE TRUE) GOD, IT IS THEY WHO ARE THE (TRUE) LOSERS.'**

53 And they challenge you (O prophet) to hasten the punishment; had there not been an appointed term (set by God), the punishment would have certainly come to them (at once)! But it will surely come to them all of a sudden, while they will not perceive it. 54 They challenge you to hasten the punishment, but, indeed, Hell is bound to encompass all those who are bent on denying the truth. 55 On the Day the punishment will overwhelm them from above them and from below their feet, and God will say, 'Taste (now the fruit of) your own doings!'

56 O My servants who have attained to faith! Behold, My earth is spacious, so worship Me alone.

57 EVERY HUMAN BEING IS BOUND TO TASTE DEATH. THEN TO US YOU WILL ALL BE BROUGHT BACK.

58 And (as for) those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, We will surely give them lofty mansions in Paradise through which running waters flow, they will abide therein forever. How excellent is the reward for the doers (who do righteous deeds)! - 59 those who are steadfast and put their trust in their Lord. 60 **And how many living creatures are there that cannot carry their provisions. It is God Who provides for them as (He provides) for you. And He (alone) is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing.**

61 **If you ask them, 'Who created the heavens and the earth, and subjected the sun and the moon (for your benefit)?' THEY WILL SURELY ANSWER, 'GOD!' How can they then be deluded (from the truth)?**

Note: - This is not the sincere acknowledgement of God. It is just for saying. If someone is sincere about God, he will discover God at the intellectual level, and lead his entire life God-Oriented.

62 God gives abundant sustenance, or gives it in scant measure, to whom He wills of His servants. For, behold, God has full knowledge of everything. 63 And if you ask them, 'Who is it that sends down rain from the sky, giving life thereby to the earth after it had been lifeless?' They will surely answer, 'God!' Say, 'All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone), but most of them do not use their reason.'

64 **THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD IS NOTHING BUT AMUSEMENT AND PLAY, whereas, behold, the post-death eternal life is indeed the only (real) life, if they but knew this (truth).**

65 And when they board a ship (and find themselves in danger), they cry out to God, (being) sincere in their faith in Him alone (at that moment). But as soon as He brings them safe ashore, behold, they (begin to) associate partners (with Him), 66 thus becoming ungrateful for what We have given them, and (let them) enjoy themselves (for now)! But soon they will come to know (the outcome of their ingratitude).

67 Do they not see that We have made (the Kaabah at Makkah) a safe sanctuary, while (other) people around them are snatched away? Will they then (continue to) believe in falsehood, and thus (continue to) deny the blessings of God?' 68 And who can be more unjust than he who fabricates a lie against God, or gives the lie to the truth when it comes to him (through revelation)? Is Hell not the (proper) abode for all who deny the truth? 69 But as for those who strive hard in Our cause, We will surely guide them to Our ways. For God is certainly with the (sincere) doers of good.

SURAH–30. AR-ROOM

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Meem. 2 The Romans have been defeated, 3 in a nearby territory. But they, after their defeat, will be victorious 4 within a few years, (for) the (whole) matter rests

with God before and after (the victory). And on that day the believers will rejoice 5 with the help of God. He helps whomever He wills, for He is the Supreme in might, the Most Merciful. 6 (It is) the promise of God. Never does God fail to fulfil His promise, but most people do not know (it). 7 **THEY ONLY KNOW THE OUTER ASPECT OF THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD, BUT THEY ARE HEEDLESS ABOUT THE ETERNAL LIFE.**

8 Do they not reflect upon their own being? God has not created the heavens and the earth and whatever is between them except for a true purpose, and for an appointed term (set by Him); but most people deny the meeting with their Lord! 9 Have they not travelled through the land and looked how was the end of those (deniers of the truth) who lived before them? They were far mightier than these, they cultivated the land more and developed it more than these people have ever developed. And to them (too) their messengers came with clear evidence of the truth; (but they gave the lie to the truth, so they were destroyed,) it was not God Who wronged them, but it was they who wronged themselves. 10 Then, evil was the end of those who committed evil, that is because they gave the lie to God's messages and made a mockery of them.

11 It is God Who originates the creation, then He resurrects it, and in the end, to Him you will all be brought back. 12 **AND ON THE DAY, THE HOUR WILL BE ESTABLISHED, THE CRIMINALS WILL BE DUMBFOUNDED.** 13 There will be no intercessors for them from among their (so-called) partners they ascribed to God, rather they (themselves) will disown those partners. 14 And on the Day the Hour will be established, the people will then be separated (into groups). 15 And as for those who attained to faith and did righteous deeds, they will be delighted in the Garden (of Paradise). 16 But as for those

who refused to acknowledge the truth, and gave the lie to Our messages and the meeting (with God) in the Hereafter, then those will be brought forth to the punishment. 17 So glorify God (alone) when you enter the evening, and when you rise in the morning. 18 And to Him is due all praise (and gratitude) in the heavens and the earth - and (glorify him) at night and when you enter the midday.

19 He brings forth the living from the dead, and brings forth the dead from the living, and He gives life to the earth after its death, and thus you will be brought out (from the dead). 20 And among His wonders is that He created you from dust, then - behold! - you become human beings spreading (throughout the earth). 21 And among His wonders is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves, so that you may find tranquillity in them; and He placed affection and tenderness between you. Behold, there are messages in this for those who reflect!

22 And among His wonders is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the diversity of your languages and colours. Behold, there are messages in this for those of (sound) knowledge. 23 And among His wonders is your sleep at night or in daytime, as well as your seeking of His bounty (by day). Behold, there are messages in this for those who listen (to take lesson)! 24 And among His wonders is that He shows you lightening causing fear and hope, and He sends down rain from the sky, and gives life thereby to the earth after it had been lifeless. Behold, there are messages in this for those who use their reason.

25 And among His wonders is that the heaven and the earth remain firm at His command. Then when He calls you out with a (single) call, (to come forth) from the earth, behold! You will (all instantly) come forth (for judgement). 26 And to Him belongs whoever is in the heavens and the earth. All are submissive to Him. 27 It is He Who originates the creation, then resurrects it, and it is easier for Him; **AND HIS ARE**

THE MOST EXALTED ATTRIBUTES IN THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, AND HE IS THE SUPREME IN MIGHT, THE SUPREME IN WISDOM.

Note: - God is the source of all good, that is why most exalted attributes are only for Him, moreover, His attributes are countless; and He is Infinite in His every attribute. There exists none like Him.

28 He sets forth to you an example (drawn) from your own lives: would you allow some of those whom your right hands possess (i.e. your slaves), to be your equal partners in (the wealth) We have given you? And do you revere them as you revere one another (i.e. free men like you)? Thus We explain (Our) messages for those who use their reason. 29 In fact, they who are bent on evildoing follow but their own prejudices without having any knowledge (of the truth). Then who can guide him whom God has let go astray? And there will be none to help them.

30 So set your face steadfastly towards the (one ever-true) faith, turning away from all that is false; (this faith is) the natural disposition from God upon which He originated mankind. There should be no change in the creation of God. That is the ever-true faith, but most people do not realize it. 31 (O believers!) Always turn to Him (in repentance), and remain conscious of Him, and be constant in prayer, and do not be of those who ascribe divinity to others besides Him - 32 (like) those who split up their faith and became sects, each faction rejoicing in what it has.

33 And when an affliction befalls people, they cry out to their Lord, turning to Him in repentance; but as soon as He lets them taste of His grace, behold! A section of them (begins to) ascribe partners in their Lord's divinity, 34 so as to become ungrateful for what We have given them. So enjoy yourselves (for a while), but soon you will come to know (the truth)! 35 Is

it that We have sent down to them any authority which speaks (in support) of their associating partners (with God) in His divinity?

36 When We let the people taste (Our) grace, they rejoice in it; but if evil befalls them for what their own hands have sent ahead, they instantly fall into utter despair. 37 Do they not see that God gives abundant sustenance, or gives it in scant measure, to whomever He wills? Behold, there are messages in this for those who believe. 38 So give your close relative his due, as well as to the poor, and the (needy) wayfarers. That is best for those who (want to) seek God's countenance (i.e. pleasure), and it is they who will be successful. 39 Whatever you lend in usury in order to gain more at the expense of people's wealth, (but) it does not increase in the sight of God. But all that you give out in charity, (only) seeking God's countenance - it is they who will get (their reward) multiplied.

40 It is God Who created you, then provided you with sustenance, then He will cause you to die, then He will bring you back to life. Is there any of your associated deities who can do anything of this? All Glory be to Him, and Exalted is He far above all that they associate (with Him). 41 Corruption has spread on land and sea as a result of what people's hands have done, so that God may cause them to taste the consequences of some of their deeds, so that they may return (to the right path). 42 Say, 'Travel through the land and see how was the end of those (deniers of the truth) who lived before (you), most of them were those who ascribed divinity to other beings besides (the One True) God.

43 (O prophet!) Set your face steadfastly towards the one ever-true faith, before there comes a Day from God which cannot be averted. On that Day, people will be divided (into separate groups). 44 Whoever denies the truth will have to bear (the burden of) his denial, and whoever does righteous deeds, then such are preparing a good place for themselves, 45 so that He may (generously) reward those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, out of His bounty. Indeed, He does not like those who refuse to acknowledge the truth.

46 And among His signs is that He sends the winds as bearers of glad tidings, so that He may make you taste of His grace (through life-giving rains), and that the ships may sail by His command, and that you may seek of His bounty, so that you may be grateful (towards Him). 47 Indeed, (O prophet, even) before you We sent messengers to their people, and they came to them with clear evidence of the truth, then We took retribution from those who persisted in wickedness. (And We saved the believers because) it was incumbent upon Us to help the believers.

48 It is God Who sends the winds that stir up clouds, then He spreads them in the sky as He wills, and then splits them into different fragments, then you see the rain coming out from their midst. Then as soon as He causes it to fall upon whom He wills of His servants, behold, they rejoice, 49 although they had lost all hope before it was sent down to them.

Note: - Rain is very much mentioned in the Quran. On one hand the reason behind it is that the rain is the most important carrier of human civilization. If there is no rain, there will be no human civilization on the earth. On the other hand rain is the output of many balanced acts at the universal level, over which none can control except the True Master of the universe.

50 See then (O man,) the effects of God's grace - how He gives life to the earth after it had been lifeless! Indeed, it is He Who will give life to the dead; for He is Ever-Powerful over all things. 51 But if We send a (harmful) wind, and they see (their crops) turning yellow, they will after that certainly continue to deny the truth (of Our almightiness and grace). 52 So indeed, (O prophet!) you cannot make the dead hear (the truth), nor can you make the deaf (of mind) hear the call when they turn their backs (on you) and walk away; 53 nor can you guide (and bring out) the blind (of mind) from their error. You can make hear (the truth) only those who believe in Our messages, (fully) submitting themselves (to Us).

54 It is God Who created you in a state of weakness, then after weakness He gave you strength, then after (a period of) strength He gave you weakness and grey hair. He creates whatever He wills; for He (alone) is the All-Knowing, the All-Powerful. 55 On the Day the Hour will be established, the evil-doers will swear that they did not stay (in this world) more than an hour. Thus they were deluded (from the truth). 56 But those who (in their lifetime) were given knowledge and faith will say, 'You did actually stay, according to the Decree of God, until the Day of Resurrection. This is the Day of Resurrection, but you were not aware of it. 57 So, on that Day, no excuse will benefit those who were bent on evildoing, nor will they be allowed to make amends.

58 We have certainly set forth in this Quran every (kind of) lesson for people. But if you bring to them any sign (or proof), those who are bent on denying the truth will surely say, 'You are only making false claims!' 59 Thus does God seal the hearts of those who do not (want to) know (the truth). 60 So remain steadfast, for the promise of God is certainly true. And let not those disquiet your mind (i.e. shake your firmness) who are not certain in faith.

SURAH–31. LUQMAAN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Meem. 2 These are the messages of the (divine) Book - full of wisdom, 3 as guidance and grace for the (sincere) doers of good - 4 who are constant in prayer, and spend in charity, and have firm faith in the eternal life - 5 it is they who are (truly) upon guidance from their Lord, and it is they who will be successful.

6 But among people is he who engages in idle talks in order to mislead (others) from the path of God without knowledge, and to make mockery of it. For such there will be a humiliating punishment. 7 And whenever Our messages are conveyed to such a person, he turns away in his arrogance, as if he did not

hear them, as if there were deafness in his ears. So give him tidings of a painful punishment (in the eternal life). 8 Indeed, those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, for them are Gardens of bliss, 9 wherein they will abide forever. God's promise is true, and He is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.

10 He (it is Who) created the heavens without any pillars that you can see, and He placed firm mountains upon the earth, lest it should sway with you; and He dispersed therein all (kinds) of living creatures. And We sent down rain from the sky, and thus We caused to grow therein every type of fine plant. 11 This is the creation of God. Now show me what is there that others besides Him have created. In fact, the evildoers are (lost) in clear error.

12 Indeed, We gave wisdom to Luqmaan, (and said,) 'Be grateful to God. (For) whoever is grateful (to God), it is (in fact) only for his own good, whereas he who chooses to be ungrateful (should know that) indeed, God is Self-Sufficient, Ever-Praiseworthy. 13 And (remember) when Luqmaan said to his son, while admonishing him, 'O my dear son! **NEVER ASCRIBE PARTNERS TO GOD (IN HIS DIVINITY), FOR, BEHOLD, ASCRIBING PARTNERS TO GOD (IN HIS DIVINITY) IS INDEED A TERRIBLE WRONG.'**

14 And (God says,) 'We have enjoined upon man (goodness) concerning his parents, for his mother bore him (by enduring) hardship upon hardship, and his weaning takes two years. (O man!) Be grateful to Me, and to your parents, (and remember that) to Me is the final return. 15 (Always revere your parents,) but if they force you to associate others with Me in My divinity, of what you have no knowledge, then do not

obey them, but (even then) accompany them with kindness in this world, and follow the path of him who turns to Me (with sincerity). (In the end) to Me is your return, and I will inform you of what you used to do.'

16 (And Luqmaan continued,) 'O my dear son! Even if a deed were the weight of a mustard seed - whether it be (hidden) in a rock, or (anywhere) in the heavens, or in the earth, God will bring it to light, for God is unfathomable (in His wisdom), Ever-Aware. 17 O my dear son! Be constant in prayer, and enjoin the doing of what is right and forbid the doing of what is wrong, and be steadfast over whatever (ill) may befall you. Behold, this is something requires firm resolve. 18 And do not turn your face away from people (in pride), and do not walk with arrogance on the earth, for, behold, God does not like anyone who is arrogant and boastful. 19 Hence, be moderate in your pace, and lower your voice, for, behold, the most repugnant of voices is indeed that of donkeys.'

20 **Do you not see that God has made subservient to you all that is in the heavens, and all that is on the earth,** and He has bestowed upon you His bounties, both apparent and hidden? Yet among the people is he who argues about God without having any knowledge, or without any guidance, or without any enlightening Book (from Him). 21 **And when it is said to them, 'Follow what God has revealed,' they reply, 'No, we will (only) follow that upon which we found our forefathers practicing.' (Would you still follow your forefathers,) even if Satan has been inviting them to the torment of the blazing Fire?**

22 And whoever surrenders his whole being to God, and is a (sincere) doer of good, then indeed, he has taken hold of a support most unfailing, for with God rests the final outcome of all events. 23 But as for him who is bent on denying the truth,

let not his denial grieve you (O prophet). To Us is their return, then We will inform them of what they used to do. Indeed, God has full knowledge of what is (hidden) in the hearts (of people). 24 We let them enjoy themselves for a little while, but in the end We will drive them to a severe torment.

25 And (thus it is with most people) if you ask them, 'Who created the heavens and the earth?' They will surely answer, 'God!' Say, '(Then you should know that) all praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone)!' In fact, most of them do not understand. 26 To God (alone) belongs all that is in the heavens and the earth. Indeed, God alone is the Self-Sufficient, the One to Whom all praise (and gratitude) is due! 27 **And if all trees that are on earth were pens, and the ocean (were ink), with seven more oceans added to it, the words of God would not be exhausted (i.e. writing down the glory of God would never finish), (for,) indeed, God is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom.** 28 **(FOR HIM,) CREATING AND RESURRECTING ALL OF YOU IS JUST LIKE CREATING AND RESURRECTING A SINGLE PERSON.** Indeed, God (alone) is All-Hearing, All-Seeing. 29 Do you not see that God causes the night to merge into the day, and causes the day to merge into the night, and that He has made the sun and the moon subservient (to His laws), each running (its course) for a term set (by Him), and God is fully Aware of all that you do?

30 That is because **GOD IS THE ULTIMATE TRUTH, AND WHAT THEY INVOKE**

OTHER THAN HIM IS (SHEER) FALSEHOOD; and because God alone is Exalted, the Ever-Great!

31 Do you not see how the ships sail (smoothly) through the sea by God's grace, so that He may show you (some) of His signs? Behold, there are messages in this for everyone (who is) wholly steadfast and (deeply) grateful (to God). 32 And when (in the sea) they are overwhelmed by waves like mountains, they cry out to God, being sincere (at that moment) in their faith in Him alone; but when He brings them safe ashore, then among them only some are moderate (in faith, while others turn ungrateful by denying God's signs). And none denies Our (messageful) signs except he who is treacherous and ungrateful. 33 O mankind! Be conscious of your Lord, and beware of the Day when no father can avail anything for his son, nor a son can avail anything for his father. Indeed, the promise of God is true; **SO LET NOT BEGUILE YOU THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD, NOR LET THE (GREAT) DECEIVER (I.E. SATAN) DECEIVE YOU CONCERNING GOD.**

34 Indeed, with God alone rests the knowledge of the Hour, and He (it is Who) sends down the rain; and He (alone) knows what is in the wombs (i.e. He knows the entire personality of the child growing in the womb), whereas no one knows what he/she will earn tomorrow, and no one knows in which land he/she will die. Indeed, God (alone) is All-Knowing, Ever-Aware.

SURAH–32. AS-SAJDAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Alif, Laam, Meem. 2 (This is) the revelation of the (divine) Book, about which there is no doubt, is from the Lord

of the universe. 3 Yet do they (i.e. the deniers of the truth) say, 'He (i.e. Muhammad) has fabricated it himself?' Nay, but it is the truth from your Lord, so that you may warn a people to whom no warner has come before you, in order that they may be (rightly) guided. 4 It is God Who created the heavens and the earth, and whatever is between them in six periods. Then He established Himself on the throne (of running the universe). You have none besides Him any protector or any intercessor. Will you not then take admonition? 5 He governs all that exists from the heaven to the earth; then the record (of all affairs) ascends to Him on a Day the length of which is a thousand years by your counting. 6 Such is (He) - the All-Knower of the unseen (i.e. the All-Knower of realties beyond human understanding) and (the All-Knower of) the witnessed, the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful. 7 The One Who perfected everything which He created. He originated the creation of man from clay. 8 Then He made his progeny out of the extract of a liquid despised. 9 Then He fashioned him (in due proportion) and breathed into him from His spirit, and (thus O man!) He gave you hearing, beholding and thinking capacity, (yet) you hardly give any thanks!

10 (Still) they ask, 'What! Is it that when we are lost into the earth (after death), shall we really be raised as a new creation?' Nay, but (the fact is that) they deny the meeting with their Lord! 11 Say, '(One day,) the angel of death who has been given charge of you, will take your souls. Then to your Lord you will all be brought back.' 12 If you could but see (how it will be on the Day of Judgement), when those who were lost in sin are hanging their heads (in shame) before their Lord, (crying), 'O our Lord! (Now) we have seen, and we have heard, so send us back, we will do righteous deeds. (For now,) behold, we are certain (of the truth).' 13 If We had so willed, We could have easily imposed guidance on every human being, but (We have not willed so,) the word of Mine will come true, 'I will certainly fill up Hell with jinn-beings and human beings all together. 14 So taste (the punishment) for neglecting the

meeting of this Day of yours! We (too) will certainly neglect you. So taste the everlasting torment for what you used to do!'

15 Only those (truly) believe in Our messages who - whenever they are conveyed to them - fall down in prostration, and glorify the praises of their Lord, and they do not show arrogance. 16 Their sides forsake their beds (at night); they call out their Lord in fear and hope; and they spend (in Our cause) out of what We have given them. 17 And no one can imagine what delight of eyes has been kept hidden in store for them as a reward for what they used to do.

18 Is the one who is a believer equal (before God) to the one who is bent on disobeying? (Nay,) they are not equal! 19 As for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, for them are the Gardens of the (eternal) Abode as an (honourable) hospitality (from God) for what they used to do. 20 But as for those who defy God, then their abode will be the Fire. Whenever they try to escape from it, they will be forced back into it; and they will be told, (keep) tasting the torment of the Fire, which you used to deny. 21 And We will indeed make them taste some lighter torment (in the form of disasters, calamities and pandemics, etc. in this life) prior to the greater torment (of the Hereafter), so that they may (repent and) mend their ways. 22 Who is more unjust than the one who is reminded of the messages of his Lord, then he turns away from them? We will surely inflict Our retribution upon those who are (thus) lost in sin!

23 Indeed, We gave Moses the (divine) Book, so (O prophet) do not be in doubt that you (too) are receiving revelations. And We made it (i.e. the Torah) a guide for the children of Israel. 24 And We raised from among them leaders guiding by Our command, when they were steadfast, and (when) they had firm faith in Our messages. 25 Indeed, your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning their differences. 26 Does it not teach them (enough lesson), how many generations We destroyed before them,

whose ruins they still pass by? Behold, there are messages in this. Will they not then listen (sincerely)?

27 Do they not see that it is We Who drive rain to the dry land, then We bring forth thereby (various) crops from which their cattle and they themselves eat? Do they not then see (with the eyes of contemplation)? 28 But they ask, 'When will this (day of) Judgement take place, (say,) if you are sincere?' 29 Say (O prophet), **'On the Day of the Judgement their faith (i.e. then, their acceptance of the truth) will not benefit to those who (in their lifetime) were bent on denying the truth, nor will they be granted any respite!'**

Note: - The present life is the first and last chance for every human being to discover the truth. Because this life is a test for discovering the truth. One who fails this test will reach the point of no-correction, the point of no-return. The Day of Judgement is not for acknowledging the truth, but for meeting the result of the test.

30 So turn away from them, and wait! Behold, they too are waiting.

SURAH–33. AL-AHZAAB

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 O prophet! Remain conscious of God, and do not obey the deniers of the truth and the hypocrites. Indeed, God (alone) is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. 2 Follow what is revealed to you from your Lord; (for,) indeed, God is Ever-Aware of all that you do. 3 Put your trust in God (alone), for none is as worthy of trust as God.

4 **God has never put two hearts in any person's chest, nor has he made your wives - whom you equate with your mothers - your real mothers.**

Note:- Before the advent of Islam, there was an evil way to divorce wives in Arabs. They used to declare their wives unlawful by saying that you are to me like the back of my mother. Islam has strongly criticised this evil way of divorce.

Nor has He made your adopted sons your (real) sons. These are only your baseless assertions, but God speaks the (absolute) truth, and it is He (alone) Who can show (you) the right path. **5** (As for your adopted children,) call them by their (real) fathers' names; it is more just in the sight of God. But if you do not know their fathers, then they are (simply) your brothers in faith and close associates. But there is no blame on you if you make a mistake in this respect, (what really matters is) but what your hearts intend, for God is indeed Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

6 The prophet has a greater claim over the believers than (they have on) their own selves, and his wives are (as) their mothers. And blood relatives are more entitled (to inheritance) than other believers and those who emigrated (for God's cause), according to the Book of God, except that you want to do good to your (close) associates. That (too) is written in God's Book.

7 And (O Muhammad, remember) when We took from the prophets their covenant, as well as from you, and from Noah, and Abraham, and Moses, and Jesus - the son of Mary. And We did take a strong covenant from (all of) them, **8** so that He may question the truthful ones about their (delivery of the message of the) truth. And He has prepared a painful punishment for all who deny the truth!

9 O you who have attained to faith! Remember the favour of God upon you when (enemy) forces came against you, and We sent against them a (violent) wind and forces (of angels) that you could not see. God sees all that you do. **10** (Remember what you felt) when they came upon you, from above you, and from below you (i.e. from east and west), when your eyes grew wild (in horror), and your hearts came up to your throats, and (when) most conflicting thoughts about God passed through

your minds, 11 (for) there and then the believers were tested and shaken with a severe shaking.

12 And (remember how it was) when the hypocrites and those in whose hearts was a disease (of doubt) said, 'God and His messenger promised us nothing but delusion!' 13 And (remember) when a group of them said, 'O you people of Yathrib (i.e. Medina)! You cannot withstand (the enemy attack), so return (to your homes).' Another group of them asked the prophet's permission to leave, saying, 'Behold, our homes are vulnerable,' but (in fact) they were not vulnerable, they wanted nothing but to flee (and did not want to support prophet). 14 And if (the enemy) had entered from all sides (of the town, upon them), and they had been asked (by the enemy) to commit treachery, they would have done it, and they would not have hesitated over it except a little. 15 Although they had made a covenant with God earlier that they would never turn their backs (in retreat); and a covenant made with God will (surely) be questioned about. 16 Say (O prophet), 'Fleeing will never benefit you if you (try to) flee from death or killing, (however if you did so,) then you would not be allowed to enjoy (life), except for a little while.' 17 Ask (them), 'Who can put you out of God's reach if He intends to harm you or show you mercy?' And they can never find for themselves besides (the One True) God any protector or helper.

18 God is fully Aware of those among you who hinder others (from fighting in God's cause), and those (hypocrites) who say (secretly) to their brothers, 'Stay with us,' and who themselves hardly take part in the battle (and that too for a show off). 19 (They are) totally unwilling to assist you. But when danger comes, you can see them staring at you with rolling eyes (in terror) like the (eyes of) one who is overshadowed by death. But when danger is over, they will assail you (believers) with razor-sharp tongues, in greed for (worldly) gains. (People like) these have never (truly) believed, so God will cause all their deeds to come to nothing; (for) that is (indeed) easy for God. 20 They (still) think that confederate

forces have not (really) withdrawn. And if the confederates were to come again, (these) hypocrites would wish to be away in the desert, among the Bedouins, (only) asking for news about you. And if the hypocrites were in your midst, they would hardly take part in the battle. 21 **IN THE MESSENGER OF GOD - YOU HAVE INDEED AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE (i.e. he is a role-model) for everyone who looks forward (with hope and awe) to God and (the success of) the Last Day, and always remembers God.**

22 And when the believers saw the confederate forces, they said, 'This is what God and His messenger had promised us. The promise of God and His messenger has come true!' And it only increased their faith and (their readiness) to surrender to God. 23 Among the believers, there are those who have (always) been true to their covenant what they made with God. And among them is he who has fulfilled his pledge (by sacrificing his life in God's cause), and among them is he who still awaits (his turn). And they have never changed (their commitment) in the least. 24 (Such trials are imposed upon man,) so that God may reward the sincere ones for their sincerity, and punish the hypocrites if He wills, or (if they repent, He may) turn in mercy to them. Indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

25 And God repelled those who were bent on denying the truth in their rage, without gaining any good, and God spared the believers from fighting, for God is All-Powerful, Supremely Mighty. 26 And He brought down from their strongholds those of the followers of the (earlier divine) Book who supported the aggressors, and cast horror into their hearts, (so much so that) some of them you were able to kill, and others you could take as captives. 27 He also caused you to inherit their land, and their dwellings, and their property, as well as lands on which you had never set your foot (before). God is Ever-Powerful over all things.

28 O prophet! Say to your wives, 'If you desire the life of this world and its adornments, then come, I will make some provision for you and release you graciously. 29 But if you intend (to gain the pleasure of) God, and His messenger, and the (blissful) Home of the eternal life, then (know that) indeed, God has prepared a great reward for the (sincere) doers of good among you.' 30 O wives of the prophet! If any of you commits an evident immoral act, for her, the punishment will be doubled; and that is easy for God.

PART – 22 31 But (O wives of the prophet!) whoever of you devoutly obeys God and His messenger, and does righteous deeds, We will give her a double reward; and We have prepared for her an honourable provision. 32 O wives of the prophet! You are not like any other women. If you remain (truly) conscious of God, hence, be not over-soft in your speech (with men), lest he in whose heart is disease may feel tempted (towards you), but speak in a moderate tone.

33 And abide quietly in your homes, and do not display your charms as it used to be displayed in the former days of ignorance, and be constant in prayer, and render the purifying dues (i.e. Zakah), and obey God and His messenger. God only intends to keep (the causes of) evil away from you, O members of the (prophet's) household, and (He wants) to purify you with a (thorough) purification. 34 And (always) bear in mind all that is recited in your homes of God's messages (and) the wisdom (unfolded through God's messages). Indeed, God is unfathomable (in His wisdom), Ever-Aware.

35 Indeed, the men and the women who have submitted (to God), the believing men and the believing women, the obedient men and the obedient women, the sincere men and the sincere women, the steadfast men and the steadfast women, the humble men and the humble women, the men and women who give in charity, the men and women who observe fast, the men and women who guard their chastity, the men and women who remember God much,

FOR ALL OF THEM GOD HAS PREPARED FORGIVENESS AND A GREAT REWARD.

Note: - Some people baselessly say that Islam discriminates between man and woman, but this verse of the Quran clearly shows that Islam never discriminates between man and woman. As far as respect and reward is concerned, both man and woman are equal, but as far as role in practical life is concerned, their roles are different, because the Creator has created both of them with different potential.

36 It is not (fitting) for a believing man or woman to exercise any choice in his or her own affair - once God and His messenger have decided a matter. Whoever disobeys God and His messenger has certainly strayed into clear error.

37 And (remember, O prophet!) when you said to the one on whom God had bestowed favour, and you too had bestowed favour, 'Keep your wife to yourself and remain conscious of God!' But you concealed within yourself something that God was about to bring to light. And you feared the people (i.e. you thought that what the people might think), while it was more fitting that you should fear God. When Zaid totally lost interest in (keeping) his wife, We gave her to you in marriage, so that (in future) there would be no restraint for the believers in marrying the ex-wives of their adopted sons, when they have come to the end of their union with them (i.e. divorced them). And (thus) the command of God must be fulfilled.

38 There is no blame on the prophet concerning what God has made lawful for him. Such was the way of God with those (prophets) who passed away before (him). (And remember that) God's command is a decree determined. **39** Those who delivered the messages of God and feared Him, and never feared anyone except God. And Sufficient is God as a (vigilant) Reckoner (for man's doings)! **40** Muhammad is not the father

of any of your men, but (he is) the messenger of God, and the seal (i.e. last) of the prophets. God has full knowledge of everything.

41 O you who have attained to faith! Remember God much, 42 (i.e.) extol His glory from morning to evening (at different occasions). 43 (O you who have attained to faith!) It is He Who showers His blessings upon you, and His angels pray for you, so that He may bring you out of the depths of darkness into the light. For He is Ever-Merciful towards the believers. 44 Their greeting on the Day they meet Him will be 'Peace!' And He has prepared for them an honourable reward.

45 (And as for you,) O prophet! Behold, We have sent you as a witness (to the truth), and as a bearer of glad tidings and a warner, 46 and as the one who invites people to God in accordance with His will, and as a light-giving beacon. 47 So give glad tidings to the believers that they will have a great bounty from God. 48 And do not yield to the deniers of the truth and the hypocrites, and ignore their annoyances, and put your trust in God (alone), for none is as worthy of trust as God.

49 O you who have attained to faith! When you marry believing women, and then divorce them before you have consummated the marriage, then there is not for you any waiting period to count concerning them. So make provision for them and release them in an honourable manner.

50 O prophet! We have made lawful for you your wives to whom you have paid their dowers as well as those whom you rightfully possess from what God has given you; and (for you - are lawful) the daughters of your parental uncles, and the daughters of parental aunts, and the daughters of your maternal uncles, and the daughters of your maternal aunts who have emigrated with you, and any believing woman who offers herself to the prophet (without dower), (and) if the prophet wishes to marry her; (this is a privilege) exclusively for you, not for the rest of the believers. We know well what We have enjoined upon the believers concerning their wives and those whom they rightfully possess, so that there should be no

discomfort for you. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

51 It is up to you (O prophet) to delay or receive whomever you please of your wives, and there is no blame on you if you call back any of those whose turn you have set aside. That is more likely that they will be content, and not distressed, and that they will be satisfied with what you give them (i.e. all of them). God knows what is in your hearts. And God is All-Knowing and Most Forbearing. 52 It is not lawful for you to marry (more) women after this, nor can you replace any of them with others, even if their beauty pleases you, except those whom you rightfully possess. And God keeps watch over everything.

53 O you who have attained to faith! Do not enter the houses of prophet, unless permission is given to you (and when invited) for a meal, (and then) not (so early as) to wait for its preparation. But whenever you are invited, then enter; (at the proper time); and when you have taken your meal, just go on your way, and do not stay for casual talk; such (behaviour) truly causes annoyance to the prophet, but he feels shy of (asking) you (to leave), but God is never shy of (teaching you) what is right. And whenever you (believers) ask (prophet's wives) for any article, then ask them from behind a curtain; that is purer for your hearts and their hearts; and it is not right for you to hurt the messenger of God, nor must you ever marry his wives after him. Indeed, that would be in the sight of God - an enormous sin. 54 (O believers!) Whether you reveal something, or conceal it (in your hearts), (remember that) God has indeed full knowledge of everything.

55 There is no blame on them concerning (to appear freely) before their fathers, or their sons, or their brothers, or their brothers' sons, or their sisters' sons, or their womenfolk, or such ones whom they rightfully possess. But (O wives of the prophet!) remain conscious of God, for, behold, God is (Ever-Present) Witness over everything. 56 Indeed, God sends His blessings to the prophet, and His angels (too invoke Him to do

so). O you who have attained to faith, invoke (God to send) blessings upon him, and invoke (God to grant him) peace. 57 Indeed, those who abuse God and His messenger, are condemned by God in this world and in the eternal world, and He has prepared for them a humiliating punishment. 58 And those who hurt believing men and believing women for something they did not commit, then certainly they burden themselves with the guilt of false accusation and manifest sin.

59 O prophet! Tell your wives, and your daughters, and the women of the believers that they should draw over themselves some of their outer garments (when in public). In this way it is more likely that they will be recognized (as chaste women), and will not be harassed. God is Most Forgiving and Most Merciful. 60 If the hypocrites, and those in whose hearts is disease, and those who spread false rumours in the city, do not desist (from their hostile doings), We will certainly give you authority over them, then they will not remain your neighbours therein except for a short while. 61 (They deserve to be) condemned. (If they were to persist,) they would get themselves seized and killed (relentlessly), wherever they are found! 62 Such has been God's way with those who (sinned in like manner and) passed away before; and never will you find any change in God's way.

63 People ask you about the Last Hour, Say, 'Its knowledge rests with God alone. And what do you know? Possibly the Last Hour would be near!' 64 Indeed, God has condemned those who are bent on denying the truth, and has prepared for them a blazing Fire - 65 abiding therein forever, they will find (therein) neither a protector, nor a supporter. 66 On the Day when their faces are turned over in the Fire, they will cry, 'Oh, would that we had obeyed God and obeyed the messenger!'

67 And they will say, 'O our Lord! Behold, we obeyed our leaders and our eminent ones, but they led us astray from the right path! 68 O our Lord! Give them double punishment, and condemn them tremendously!'

69 O you who have attained to faith! Do not be like those (children of Israel) who slandered Moses, but God cleared him of what they said (i.e. from their allegations). He was of great honour in the sight of God. 70 O you who have attained to faith! Remain conscious of God, and (always) say what is right. 71 (If you do so,) God will correct your deeds (for your benefit) and forgive you your sins. And (know that) whoever obeys God and His messenger, he will surely achieve the ultimate success.

72 Indeed, We offered the Trust (i.e. the freedom of choice between good and evil) to the heavens, and the earth, and the mountains, but they all refused to bear it, being fearful of it. But man took it up, (for) he is indeed unjust (to himself), unaware (of the consequences). 73 (Thus man entered into the test, and as result of that test) God will punish the hypocrite men and the hypocrite women, as well as those men and women who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God. And that God may turn in His mercy to the believing men and the believing women; God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

SURAH–34. SABA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone), to Whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, and for Him (alone) is all praise (and gratitude) in the eternal world (too). And He is the Supremely Wise, the Ever-Aware. 2 He knows whatever goes into the earth and whatever comes out of it, as well as whatever descends from the heaven, and whatever ascends to it. He is the Most Merciful and the Most Forgiving.

3 But those who deny the truth assert, 'The Last Hour will, never come upon us.' Say, 'Why not? By my Lord - Who is the All-Knower of the unseen, it will certainly come upon you!' Not an atom's weight (of whatever there is) in the heavens, or

on the earth escapes His knowledge; and neither smaller than that or greater, but is (written) in a perfect Record. 4 (The Day of Judgement will certainly come,) so that He may reward those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds; it is they who will have forgiveness and honourable provision.' 5 But those who strive against Our messages, seeking to defeat their purpose, it is they who will suffer the (worst) torment of agonizing pain. 6 And those who have been given knowledge are well aware that what has been revealed to you from your Lord is the truth, and that it guides to the path that leads to the Supremely Mighty - the One to Whom all praise (and gratitude) is due.

7 But those who deny the truth (mockingly) say (to the like-minded ones), 'Shall we direct you to a man who claims that when you have been completely scattered in countless fragments (into dust, after your death), you will (then) be raised as a new creation? 8 Has he fabricated a lie against God, or is he afflicted with madness?' Nay, (there is no madness in this prophet,) but those who do not believe in the post-death eternal life will be in the torment, for they are in the extreme error. 9 Do they not observe how they are encompassed by what is before them and what is behind them of the heaven and the earth? If We so willed, We could cause the earth to swallow them up, or cause fragments of the sky to fall down upon them. Behold, there is a message in this for every servant who turns (to Us).

10 Indeed, We granted David a (great) privilege from Us (commanding), 'O mountains! Echo God's praise with him! And (likewise) O you birds! (Join with him in extolling Our praise).' And We made iron mouldable for him, 11 instructing: 'Make (wide) coats of armour, (perfectly) balancing the links. And do righteous deeds. Indeed, I am Ever-Beholding of what you do.

12 And to Solomon (We subjected) the wind; its journey in the morning was (equal to the journey) of one month, and its journey in the evening was (equal to the journey) of one month.

And We caused a fountain of molten copper to flow for him (at his command). And there were some jinn-beings who worked for him by his Lord's leave. And whoever of them deviated from Our command, We would make him taste the torment of the blazing Fire. 13 They made for him whatever he desired, such as elevated chambers, and images, basins as (large as) reservoirs, and (huge) cooking pots fixed (in their places). (And We said,) 'Do (good deeds), O household of David, in gratitude.' But very few of My servants are truly grateful.

14 Then when We decreed Solomon's death, nothing indicated to the (subjected) jinn-beings that he was dead, except an earth-worm which was eating away his staff (i.e. his dead body was in standing position with the support of his staff). So when he collapsed, the jinn-beings (who were at his service) realized that if they had (truly) known the unseen, they would not have remained (so long) in (such) humiliating (punishment of) servitude.

15 Indeed, for the people of Sheba there was an evidence (of God's grace) in their homeland: two orchards - one to the right and the other to the left. (They were told,) 'Eat what your Lord has provided for you, and be grateful to Him. You have a good land, and a Lord - Most Forgiving.' 16 But they turned away (not acknowledging Us), so We sent against them a devastating flood, and replaced their two (luxuriant) orchards with two others yielding bitter fruits, and (growing) tamarisks, and a few lote trees (i.e. fruitless bushes and thorny trees). 17 Thus did We recompense them for their ingratitude; would We ever punish anyone (in such a way) except the ungrateful?

18 And (before their downfall) We had placed between them and the towns which We had blessed, (a chain of) other towns situated close to each other; and thus We made the stages (of journey) between them easy, (saying,) 'Travel between them safely by night and day!' 19 But they said (being ungrateful), 'O our Lord! Make the stages between our journey longer, for they had sinned against themselves. So We caused them to become (cautionary) tales, and scattered them utterly.

Indeed, there are (messageful) signs in this for everyone who is wholly steadfast and (deeply) grateful (to God).

20 (Thus,) Iblees did prove that his assessment of them was correct, for (when he called them,) they followed him, except for a group of (true) believers. 21 And yet, he had no authority at all over them (even though We allowed him to tempt man), it is only for (the purpose) that We might make evident him who believes in the (post-death) eternal life, from him who is in doubt about it. And your Lord is (Ever-Vigilant) Guardian over all things.

22 **(O prophet!) Say (to the polytheists), 'Invoke those whom you claim (to be deities) besides (the One True) God. (But the fact is that) whom (you falsely claim to be deities) do not possess even an atom's weight (of authority) either in the heavens or on the earth,** nor do they have any share in (governing) them, nor does He (choose to) have any supporter from among them. 23 No intercession will be of any benefit before Him, except for the one whom He grants permission. (At last,) when the terror (of the Last Hour) is removed from their hearts, they will (excitedly) ask (the angels), 'What has your Lord (just) said?' They will answer, 'The truth!' And He is the Most High, the Supreme One.'

24 Ask (them), 'Who is it that provides for you sustenance out of the heavens and the earth?' Say, 'It is God! **AND BEHOLD, (EITHER) WE OR YOU ARE RIGHTLY GUIDED, OR CLEARLY MISGUIDED.'** 25 Say to them, 'You will not be called to account for what we are guilty of, nor shall we be called to account for whatever you do.' 26 Say (to them), 'Our Lord will gather us together (on the Day of Judgement), and then He will judge between us with the truth; for He (alone) is the All-Knowing Judge.' 27 Say to them,

'Show me those (beings) whom you have associated with Him (in your imagination) as partners! Never! (You can never produce such partners!) In fact, He (alone) is (the One True) God - the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.' 28 (O prophet,) We have sent you only as a bearer of glad tidings and a warner to all mankind, but most people do not understand (this).

29 And they ask (the believers), 'When will this warning be fulfilled? (Answer this,) if you are sincere.' 30 Say, 'There has (already) been appointed for you a Day which you can neither delay, nor advance (it) by a single moment.' 31 And (yet) those who are bent on denying the truth say, 'We will never believe in this Quran, nor in (any Scripture) which came before it.' If only you could see when the evildoers will be made to stand before their Lord, refuting each others' word. Those (of them) who were oppressed (on the earth) will say to those who were arrogant, 'Had it not been for you, certainly, we would have been believers.' 32 Those who were arrogant will say to those who were the oppressed, 'Did we keep you (forcibly) away from (following) guidance after it had come to you? Rather, you yourselves were criminals.'

33 But those who were the oppressed will say to those who were arrogant, 'Rather, (what kept us away from the right path was your) scheming night and day (against God's messages) when you commanded us to deny God, and to set up equals to Him.' But they will all hide their remorse when they see the torment (that awaits them, i.e. they will all be unable to express the full depth of their remorse), for We will put shackles around the necks of those who had been bent on denying the truth. (And) will they be recompensed except for what they used to do?

34 For (thus it is) whenever We sent a warner to any town, but its affluent ones said, 'Behold, we reject the message with which you have been sent.' 35 And they said, 'We have more wealth and children (than you), we are (surely) not going to be punished.' 36 Say, 'Behold, it is my Lord Who grants abundant

sustenance, or gives it in scant measure, to whomever He wills; but most people do not understand (God's ways).' 37 For it is not your wealth, nor your children that can bring you close to Us in position, but whoever believes and does righteous deeds (is close to Us), then for such people there will be a multiple reward for what they did, and it is they who will be secure in the mansions (of Paradise). 38 Whereas all those who strive against Our messages, (seeking) to defeat their purpose, it is they who will be brought to (eternal) punishment. 39 Say (O prophet), 'Behold, my Lord grants abundant sustenance, or gives it in scant measure, to whomever He wills of His servants. But whatever thing you spend (in His cause), He will recompense you for it, for He is the Best of providers.'

40 And (as for those who now deny the truth,) on the Day He will gather them all together, then He will ask the angels, 'Was it you that these people used to worship?' 41 They will answer, 'All Glory be to You! You (alone) are our Protector, not they. In fact, they (only) used to worship jinn-beings, most of them believed in them.' 42 So Today (i.e. on the Day of Judgement) none of you has the power to benefit or harm one another. And We will say to those who had been bent on wrongdoing, 'Taste (now) the torment of the Fire which you used to call a lie.'

43 And whenever Our messages are conveyed to them as clear evidences (of the truth), they (who were bent on denying the truth) say (to one another), 'This (i.e. Muhammad) is not but a man who wants to hinder you from what your forefathers used to worship.' And they say (about the message of the truth), 'This is nothing but a falsehood invented (by this man).' And they who are bent on denying the truth speak thus about the truth when it has come to them, 'This is nothing but (a kind of) clear sorcery,' 44 **(THE SAY SO, EVEN THOUGH) WE HAD NEVER GIVEN THEM ANY BOOKS TO STUDY, NOR DID WE EVER SEND TO THEM ANY WARNER BEFORE YOU.**

Note: - Before the advent of Islam, Makkans were polytheists; but their polytheism was self-invented, self-imagined i.e. baseless; so it was nothing but falsehood.

45 And thus (too,) those who were before them (i.e. the earlier generations) gave the lie to the truth, while these (Makkans) have not attained even one tenth of what We had given them, yet they gave the lie to My messengers, so how (terrible) was My rejection (of them)!

46 Say, 'I only admonish you to do one thing, and that is to stand up before God, in pairs and individually, then reflect (what is it of madness in your companion?). (You will thus realize that) there is no madness in your companion. He is only a warner to you before (the coming of) a severe punishment.' 47 Say, 'If I had ever asked you for any recompense, you could keep it (with you). My recompense rests with none but God. And He is (the Ever-Present) Witness over everything.'

48 Say, 'Indeed, my Lord hurls the truth (against the untruth). He (alone) is the All-Knower of the unseen (realities).' 49 **Say (to them), 'The truth has now come (and manifested itself, and the untruth is bound to perish, as for the untruth is concerned), untruth cannot originate any good, nor can repeat (it).'** 50 Say, 'If (even) I go astray, I will go astray only to my own loss. But if I am guided, it is only by the virtue of what my Lord reveals to me. He (alone) is All-Hearing, Ever-Near.'

51 And if you could but see when they (i.e. deniers of the truth) are terrified (on the Day of Resurrection), but there will be no escape, and they will be seized from a nearby place; 52 **then they will cry, 'We do (now) believe in it!' But how can they attain to (faith) (having gone) so far away (from it),** 53 while they had already

denied it before, making far-fetched conjectures about the unseen?

Note: - There does not exist any chance to acknowledge the truth on the Day of result. The life of this world is the first and last chance to acknowledge the truth - for being successful in the trial of the truth.

54 And a barrier will be placed between them and that which they desire, as was done with people of their kind before; for they were indeed in disquieting doubt.

SURAH–35. AL- FAATIR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - the Originator of the heavens and the earth, Who appoints the angels as (His) messengers having wings two or three or four. He increases in the creation whatever He wills. Indeed, God is Ever-Powerful over all things. 2 **Whatever grace God opens up for people; none can withhold it; and whatever He withholds, none can release it thereafter. For He (alone) is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.**

Note: - This is an introduction of the Ultimate Powerful Being. Whatever happens in the universe is entirely in His control. Nothing can happen in the universe without His permission.

3 O people! Remember the blessings of God upon you. Is there any creator other than (the One True) God, that can provide for you sustenance from the heaven and the earth? There does not exist any deity except Him. How can you then be deluded (from the truth)? 4 And if they give you the lie (O prophet), (then it is not something new) other messengers were given the lie before you. It is to God that all matters will be

returned (for judgement). 5 **O MANKIND! INDEED, THE PROMISE OF GOD IS TRUE. SO LET NOT THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD DECEIVE YOU, NOR LET THE (GREAT) DECEIVER (I.E. SATAN) DECEIVE YOU ABOUT GOD.** 6 Behold, Satan is (none but) an enemy to you, so (always) take him as an enemy. He invites his followers only to be among the inmates of blazing Fire. 7 Those who are bent on denying the truth will have a severe punishment, whereas those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds will have forgiveness and a great reward. 8 Then, can the one whose evil deed has been made so much fair-seeming for him that he regards it really good be (equal to the one who is, in fact, rightly guided)? It is certainly God Who lets go astray whom He wills, and guides (to the right path) whom He wills. So do not let yourself destroy in sorrow for them. Surely God has full knowledge of all that they do.

9 It is God Who sends the winds which stir up clouds, and then We drive them to a dead land, and revive therewith the earth after it had been lifeless. Such will be the Resurrection. 10 Whoever desires honour, (he should know that) all honour (and power) belongs to God (alone). To Him ascends the good words; and righteous deeds raise them. But as for those who plot evil deeds will have a severe punishment, and their plotting is bound to perish.

11 It is God Who created you from dust, then (developed you) from a sperm-drop; and then He made you into pairs. No female ever conceives, or gives birth except with His knowledge. None is given long life or cut short of his life except that it is (written) in a Record. That is certainly easy for God.

12 The two bodies of water are not alike. One is fresh and sweet, and pleasant to drink, while the other is salty and bitter. Yet from them both you eat fresh meat, and (from either) you

derive the ornaments that you wear, and you see the ships cleaving through both, so that you may seek of His bounty, and so that you may be grateful. 13 He causes the night to merge into the day, and He causes the day to merge into the night, and He has made subservient (to you) the sun and the moon - each running its course to an appointed term (set by Him). **SUCH IS GOD - YOUR (TRUE) LORD; to Him belongs the dominion (of the entire universe). Whereas those whom you invoke instead of Him do not own so much as the husk of a date-stone. 14 If you invoke them, they cannot hear your invocation; and even if they heard, they could not respond to you. And on the Day of Resurrection they will utterly disown - your having associated them (as partners with God). And none can inform you like the One Who is All-Aware.**

15 O mankind! It is you who stand in need of God, whereas He (alone) is Free of all needs (the Self-Sufficient), the One to Whom all praise (and gratitude) is due. 16 If He wills, He can eliminate you and bring forth a new creation (in your place); 17 for that is not difficult for God. 18 And (on the Day of Judgement) no person burdened with sin will bear the burden of another. And if a sin-burdened person cries for help to bear his/her burden, nothing of it will be carried (by the latter), even if he/she is a close relative. You can only warn those who fear their Lord without seeing Him, and establish prayer. And whoever purifies himself, then he only does so for his own good. And to God is the return of all.

19 Those blind (to the truth) and those who can see (it) are not equal, 20 nor are the darkness and the light, 21 nor (are equal their outcome i.e.) the (cooling) shade and scorching heat. 22 Nor are equal the living and the dead (of mind).

(O prophet,) God makes hear whomever He wills; but you cannot make hear those who are in the graves (i.e. the dead of mind are like the dead in the graves). 23 (O Muhammad!) You are only a warner. 24 Indeed, We have sent you with the truth, as a bearer of glad tidings and as a warner. And there has never been any community but a warner had come to it. 25 And if they give the lie to you, so did those who came before them. Their messengers came to them with clear evidence of the truth, and with Books (of divine wisdom), and with the enlightening revelation. 26 (But) in the end I seized those who persisted in denying the truth, and how (terrible) was My rejection!

27 Do you not see that God sends down rain from the sky, with which We produce fruits of various colours? Just as in the mountains there are various tracts of white and red - varying in their colours, and (some) extremely black. 28 Likewise, human beings, moving creatures and grazing livestock are of various colours. Of His all servants - only such as are endowed with knowledge (truly) fear God. Indeed, God is Supremely Mighty, Most Forgiving. 29 (It is) they who (truly) follow God's revelation, and are constant in prayer, and spend on others, secretly and openly out of what We have provided for them as sustenance - (it is they who) hope for a commerce that will never be futile. 30 (They have invested in this commerce everything of theirs,) so that God may give them their reward in full, and increase for them out of His bounty. Indeed, He is Most Forgiving, Ever-Responsive to gratitude. 31 The Book that We have revealed to you (O prophet) is the truth - confirming what came before it, for, behold, God is Ever-Aware and Ever-Beholding of His servants.

32 Then We caused to inherit the Book those whom We have chosen of Our servants, but among them is he who sins against himself, and among them is he who follows a middle course, and among them is he who is forerunner in good deeds - in accordance with the will of God. That is the greatest blessing. 33 (For them are) Gardens of perpetual bliss, in which

they will enter. They will be adorned therein with bracelets of gold and pearls, their garments therein will be of silk. 34 **AND THEY WILL SAY, 'ALL PRAISE (AND GRATITUDE) IS FOR GOD (ALONE) - WHO HAS REMOVED FROM US ALL SORROW. Indeed, our Lord is Most Forgiving, Ever-Responsive to gratitude. 35 It is He Who, out of His bounty, has settled us in a Home of eternity - wherein no fatigue, nor weariness can touch us!**

Note: - Our present world can never be sorrow-free world, but the Quran is giving the glad tidings of such a world which will be utterly sorrow-free and eternal. But this sorrow-free world will be available only for those who prove deserving for it.

36 As for those who are bent on denying the truth will be in the Fire of Hell. No end will be put to their lives, so that they could die, nor will its torment be lightened for them. This is how We recompense every ungrateful one. 37 There they will be (fervently) screaming, 'O our Lord! Cause us to come out (of this torment,) (and send us back)! We will (henceforth) do righteous deeds, other than that We used to do!' (But they will be answered,) **'DID WE NOT GIVE YOU LIFE LONG ENOUGH, IN WHICH WHOEVER WAS WILLING TO TAKE ADMONITION, COULD TAKE IT?** And the warner did come to you. So taste (the fruit of your evil deeds)! For the evildoers there will be no helper.'

38 Indeed, God alone knows the hidden realities of the heavens and the earth. Behold, He has full knowledge of what is in the minds (of people). 39 It is He Who has made you successors on earth. Hence, whoever denies Him will bear the burden of his denial. And the denial of the denier does not increase them in the sight of their Lord except in displeasure; and the denial of the deniers does not increase them except in loss.

40 Ask (them), 'Have you ever (really) thought about your associated deities whom you invoke besides God? Show me

what is it that they have created on earth! Or do they have a share in (the creation of) the heavens? Or have We given them a Book so they are on a clear evidence therefrom? In fact, (what) the evildoers promise each other (is) nothing but a delusion. 41 **INDEED, IT IS GOD (ALONE) WHO SUSTAINS THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, (SO) THAT THEY DO NOT CEASE TO EXIST; AND IF THEY CEASE TO EXIT (BY HIS COMMAND), THERE IS NONE WHO CAN SUSTAIN THEM AFTER HIM. INDEED, HE IS MOST FORBEARING, MOST FORGIVING!**

Note: - This is an introduction of the Being Who is Truly Ultimate Powerful.

42 They swore by God their strongest oaths that if a warner (from God) came to them, they would surely be more guided than any other community. But when a warner (from God) came to them, it (i.e. his coming and calling them to the truth) did not increase them except in their aversion (about the truth), 43 (due to) their arrogant behaviour in the land, and their devising of evil (arguments against God's messages), yet (in the end,) such evil scheming will engulf none but its makers. Are they waiting anything but the fate of those (destroyed) before? But you will never find any change in God's way, nor will you ever find any deviation in God's way. 44 Have they not travelled in the land and observed how was the end of those (deniers of the truth) who were (destroyed) before them? They were far stronger in power than these (deniers of the truth). **BUT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH THAT CAN EVER FRUSTRATE (THE PLAN OF) GOD.** Indeed, He is the All-Knower, the Ultimate Powerful.

45 And if God were to punish people (immediately) for whatever (wrong) they have committed, He would not have left a single living being on the surface (of the earth). However, He grants them respite for an appointed term (set by Him), but when their appointed term comes to an end, then (they will come to know that) indeed, God has been Ever-Beholding His servants.

SURAH–36. YAA-SEEN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Yaa, Seen. 2 By the Quran - full of wisdom, 3 (O Muhammad,) you are indeed one of God's messengers; 4 (and you are) on the straight path. 5 (This is) a revelation by the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful, 6 so that you may warn a people whose forefathers were not warned, so they are unaware (of the True Creator and His creation plan).

7 Indeed, the word (of God's condemnation) has proved true against most of them, for they will never believe. 8 (It is as if) We have put shackles around their necks up to their chins, so they are stiff-necked (i.e. they cannot bow before the truth), 9 and We have placed a barrier before them and a barrier behind them; and We have blocked their vision, so they cannot see (the signs of the truth). 10 And it is all alike to them whether you warn them, or do not warn them, they will never believe. 11 You can only warn him who follows the reminder and fears the Most Gracious, although (He is) Unseen (for him). So give him glad tidings of forgiveness, and an honourable reward.

12 Indeed, it is We Who bring the dead back to life, and We record whatever (deeds) they have sent ahead, and the traces (of good and evil) which they have left behind. We have recorded everything in a perfect Record. 13 And put forward to them an example of the people of the town, when the messengers came to it; 14 when We sent to them two messengers, but they gave the lie to both, so We strengthened the two with a third. They said, 'Behold, We have been sent to

you (by God as messengers).' 15 The people (of the town) answered, 'You are no more than human beings like us, and the Most Gracious has not revealed anything. You do nothing but lie!' 16 They said, 'Our Lord knows that we have indeed been sent to you (as messengers); 17 and we are not bound to do more than clearly deliver (the message).' 18 The people replied, 'Indeed, we consider you as a bad omen (for us). If you do not desist, we will certainly stone you (to death), and you will certainly suffer a painful punishment at our hands.' 19 The messengers replied, 'Your bad omen is (bound up) with yourselves (because of your denying the truth)! Does it (seem to you bad) because you are admonished? In fact, you are a transgressing people.' 20 And there came a man running from the farthest end of the city. He said, 'O my people! Follow the messengers (of God)! 21 Follow those who ask no recompense of you, and they are rightly guided.

PART – 23 22 **And why should I not worship the One Who brought me into being, and to Whom you will all be brought back?'**

Note: - No doubt, only He is Ever-Worthy of worship Who brings man into being. And man was created with a purpose by the Creator, that is why he has to return to his Creator for reckoning.

23 (He added,) 'Should I take others besides Him as deities? If the Most Gracious intends for me any harm, their intercession cannot avail me at all, nor can they save me. 24 In that case, indeed, I would be in manifest error. 25 Indeed, (O my people,) I have come to believe in the Lord of you (all); so listen to me!'

26 (But the deniers of the truth killed him, then)' he was told (by the angels), 'Enter Paradise!' He exclaimed, 'If only my people knew, 27 of how my Lord has forgiven me, and placed me among the honoured ones!'

28 After his (death,) We did not send down any soldiers from the heaven against his people, nor did We need to send

down (such soldiers). 29 All it took was one (mighty) blast, and they were extinguished at once. 30 Alas for human beings! No messenger ever came to them, but they ridiculed him. 31 Do they not see how many generations (of deniers) We destroyed before their time? (And) that those (who were destroyed) will never return to them. 32 Yet all of them will certainly be brought before Us.

33 And a sign (of Resurrection) for them is the dead land, We give life to it, and We bring out of it grain, and they eat from it. 34 And We have placed in it gardens of palm trees and grapevines, and We caused the springs to gush forth from it, 35 so that they may eat of its fruit, though it was not their hands that produced it. So will they not be grateful? 36 All Glory be to the One Who created all things in pairs; of what the earth produces, and of themselves, and of what they do not know.

37 And a sign for them is the night. We withdraw from it the (light of) day, then - behold! - they are (left) in darkness. 38 And (they have a sign in) the sun, it runs on its fixed course for a term (appointed). That is the design of the Supremely Mighty, the All-Knowing. 39 As for the moon, We have determined phases for it, until it becomes like an old palm stalk. 40 It is not allowed for the sun to overtake the moon, nor can the night outstrip the day. Each one is floating in its own orbit (according to Our laws).

41 Another (messageful) sign for them is that We carried their ancestors (with Noah) in the fully loaded Ark; 42 and (that) We created for them similar things on which they ride. 43 And if it were Our will, We could drown them; then there would be none to respond to their cry, nor would they be saved; 44 except (by) mercy from Us and provision till a time.

45 But when it is said to them, 'Beware of what is ahead of you, and what is behind you, so that you may be graced (with His mercy). 46 Whenever a (messageful) sign comes to them from the signs of their Lord, they (always) turn away from it. 47 And when it is said to them, spend (on others for God's sake) out of what God has provided for you as sustenance, those who

are bent on denying the truth say to those who have attained to faith, 'Should we feed one whom, if God had so willed, He (Himself) could have fed him? You are but lost in clear error!'

48 And they ask (the believers), 'When will this promise (of Resurrection) be fulfilled? (Answer this,) if you are sincere!' 49 They must be waiting for but a single blast, which will seize them while they are (entrenched) in (worldly) disputes. 50 Then (sudden will be their end that) they will not be able to make a (last) will, nor will they be able to return to their households. 51 And (when) the trumpet (of Resurrection) is blown; then - behold! - they will all (rise up) from their graves, and hasten towards their Lord. 52 They will say, 'Oh, woe to us! **Who has made us rise up from our resting place?' (Whereupon they will be said,) 'This is what the Most Gracious had promised, and the messengers had spoken the truth!'** 53 It will not be more than a single blast, and behold! They will all be brought before Us.

54 So this Day (i.e. On the Day of Judgement) no human being will be wronged in the least, nor will you be recompensed except for whatever you used to do. 55 Behold, the inhabitants of Paradise on that Day will be busy with joyful things. 56 They and their spouses, will be in (cool) shades, reclining on couches. 57 There they will have (all types of) fruits, and all that they ask for. 58 'Peace (be upon you)' (will be) the word (of greeting to them) from the Most Merciful Lord. 59 (Then God will say to the deniers of the truth,) 'Stand apart (from the believers) today, O you who were lost in sin! 60 Did I not enjoin upon you, O children of Adam, that do not worship Satan, for he is truly your sworn enemy, 61 and that you should worship Me (alone)? This is the straight path.

62 Yet he did lead astray a great multitude of you. So did you not use your reason? 63 This is the Hell you were warned of. 64 (Enter and) endure it today as an outcome of your denial of the truth!'

65 **This Day, We will set a seal upon their mouths, and their hands will speak to Us, and their feet will bear witness about what they used to do.**

Note: - On that Day only the truth will prevail. The freedom which man has got in the present world will have been withdrawn from him. He will not be able to put forward any excuse, or any justification for his sins. This is what has been told in this verse of the Quran.

66 And if We had (so) willed, We could have easily wiped out their eyes, then they would struggle to find the path, but then how could they behold (it)? 67 And if We had (so) willed, We could have indeed transfigured them in their places, then they would not be able to move forward nor backward. 68 **AND TO WHOMEVER WE GIVE A LONG LIFE, WE REVERSE HIM IN CREATION (I.E. CAUSE HIS STRENGTH TO DECLINE). WILL THEY NOT THEN USE THEIR REASON?**

Note: - Some people baselessly make someone an avatar, but the evident fact regarding man is that - man is none but helpless being; he takes birth as a helpless being and leaves this world as a helpless being. But the Master of the universe is All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful.

69 And We have not taught him (i.e. to Our prophet) poetry, nor is it befitting for him. It is not but a reminder, and the Quran clearly (showing the truth). 70 (It was revealed) to warn him who is (truly) alive (of mind), and that the word (of God) may prove true against all who deny the truth.

71 **Do they not see that, among the things which our hands have fashioned, We have created for them livestock of which they are the owners?**

Note: - 'The things which our hands have fashioned,' these words of this verse clearly show that all the things have been created singlehandedly and purposely by God.

72 And We have subjected these (i.e. cattle) to them, so that some of them may be used for riding, and some of them they eat. 73 And for them there are (other) benefits in them and things to drink. Will they not then be grateful? 74 Yet they take to worshipping deities other than (the One True) God, (hoping) to be helped by them; 75 but they cannot help them (i.e. those so-called deities cannot help their worshippers), rather they will be brought forward as a troop (against those who worshipped them). 76 However, be not grieved by the sayings of those (who deny the truth). Indeed, We know all that they keep secret as well as all that they disclose.

77 Is man not aware that it is We Who created him from a (mere) sperm-drop, then - behold! - he stands forth as a clear opponent? 78 And he produces arguments against Us, and forgets how he himself was created! And he asks, **'WHO CAN GIVE LIFE TO THE BONES AFTER THEY HAVE CRUMBLED TO DUST?'** 79 **SAY, 'THE ONE - WHO BROUGHT THEM INTO BEING THE FIRST TIME WILL GIVE THEM LIFE (AGAIN),** for He has full knowledge of every created being. 80 It is the One (True God) Who has made for you fire out of the green trees, and - behold! - you kindle (your fires) from it. 81 **CAN THE ONE WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH NOT (EASILY) RESURRECT THESE (DENIERS)?** Yes, (He can)! For He (alone) is the Supreme Creator, the All-Knowing.

82 All it takes, when He intends a thing (to be existed), is simply to say to it, 'Be,' and it comes into existence! 83 **SO ALL GLORY BE TO THE ONE IN WHOSE HAND IS THE DOMINION OF EVERYTHING, AND TO HIM YOU WILL ALL BE BROUGHT BACK.**

SURAH–37. AS-SAAFFAAT

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 By those (angels) lined up in ranks, 2 and those who diligently drive (the clouds), 3 and those who recite the (heavenly) message! 4 **INDEED, YOUR GOD IS ONE -** 5 **THE LORD OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND WHATEVER IS BETWEEN THEM, AND THE LORD OF ALL POINTS OF SUNRISE!**

6 Behold, We have adorned the heaven nearest (to the earth) with the beauty of the stars; 7 and have made them a safeguard against every rebellious devil, 8 (so that) they cannot eavesdrop on the exalted assembly (of angels), (those who seek to eavesdrop) are bombarded from every side; 9 (such evil ones are) cast out (from all grace), for them there is an everlasting torment (in the life to come). 10 But if anyone succeeds in snatching a glimpse (of such knowledge), he is (instantly) pursued by a piercing flame.

11 So ask them (who deny the Resurrection,) **'ARE THEY MORE DIFFICULT TO CREATE THAN ALL THOSE THAT WE HAVE CREATED ? (I.E. IS THEIR RESURRECTION HARDER THAN CREATING UNIVERSE WHICH WE**

HAVE CREATED?)' (For) behold, We created them from sticky clay. 12 But (O prophet,) you are astonished (by their denial), while they ridicule (you). 13 And when they are reminded (of the truth), they do not take admonition. 14 And when they come into contact of a (divine) message, they make fun of it, 15 and they say, 'This is nothing but clear sorcery. 16 What! Is it that when we have died and become (mere) dust and bones, shall we really be raised up again, 17 and also our forefathers?' 18 Say, 'Yes, (you will indeed be resurrected,) and then you will be humiliated (O deniers of Resurrection)!'

19 It will only be a single blast, then, behold! they will (begin to) see (the truth they used to deny). 20 They will say, 'Oh, woe to us! This is the Day of Recompense.' 21 (And they will be told,) 'This is the Day of Judgement (- the Day) which you used to call a lie. 22 (And God will thus command the angels,) 'Assemble all those who were bent on evildoing, together with other of their kind, and (with) all that they used to worship 23 other than (the One True) God, and lead them all to the path of Hellfire. 24 And stop them; for they are to be questioned.' 25 (They will be asked,) 'What is the matter with you (now)? Why do you not help one another?' 26 Rather on that Day they will surrender themselves.

27 And they will turn to one another, throwing blame. 28 The misled will say, 'It was you who deluded us away from what is right!' 29 (To which) the misleaders will answer, 'Rather, you yourselves were not believers, 30 and we had no authority over you. In fact, you yourselves were a transgressing people. 31 But now our Lord's word has come true against us; indeed, we are (now) bound to taste (the fruit of denial of the truth). 32 So (this is the fact that) we led you astray, for we were ourselves astray.' 33 So indeed, on that Day they will all share in the punishment.

34 Indeed, this is how We deal with the sinners, 35 for, behold, whenever they were told, 'There does not exist any deity except (the One True) God,' They (responded) with

arrogance. 36 **AND THEY WOULD ARGUE, 'SHOULD WE REALLY ABANDON OUR DEITIES FOR A MAD POET?'**

Note: - The worshippers of falsehood never presented logical and reason-based evidence in favour of their deities. Their remaining attached with false deities, and refusing to acknowledge the truth was, in fact, the case of blindness and stubbornness. This is the story of entire human history. Majority has always denied the truth.

37 **Rather, he (whom you call a mad poet) has brought the truth; and he confirms the truth (of what the earlier of God's) messengers (have brought).**

Note: - All the messengers of God have brought one and the same truth, because there is always only one truth. But before the revelation of the Quran, the previously revealed divine message was mixed with interpretations; and thus it was corrupted. But the Quran is the only revealed message which has been preserved as it is. So the Quran is the preserved version of heavenly guidance.

38 Behold, (O deniers of the truth!) you will indeed taste a painful torment (in the eternal life), 39 and you will not be recompensed except for whatever you used to do.

40 But the chosen servants of God (will be kept secure from the torment). 41 (In the eternal life) they will have a known provision (as in the life on the earth) - 42 fruits (of every type). And they will be honoured 43 in Gardens of bliss, 44 (they will be seated) on thrones facing one another. 45 They will be served with a cup of (pure) wine from a flowing spring - 46 crystal-white, delicious for those who drink it. 47 No bad effect will be there in it, nor will they be intoxicated by it. 48 And with them will be spouses of modest gaze, having gorgeous eyes; 49 as if they were pearls - well protected.

50 And they will turn to one another, questioning each other. 51 One of them will say, 'Behold, I had a close friend (in the worldly life) 52 who used to ask (me), 'Are you indeed of those who believe (in the post-death eternal life)? 53 What! After we have died and become mere dust and bones, shall we really be called to account?' 54 Then he will ask (to his companions of Paradise), 'Would you like to see (what happened to that ex-companion of mine)?' 55 Then he will look down and see his (ex-companion) in the midst of the blazing Fire. 56 He will exclaim, 'By God, you had almost destroyed me (too)! 57 Had it not been for the grace of my Lord, I (too) would have certainly been among those brought forth (to Hell).' 58 Then (he will say to his companions of Paradise,) 'Is it then (true) - that we will never die, 59 except our first death, and we will never be made to suffer?' 60 This is indeed the ultimate success! 61 For such (reward), all the strivers should strive (for attaining this goal).

62 Is this (blissful Paradise) a better hospitality - or the (hellish) tree of deadly fruit? 63 Indeed, We have made it a trial for evildoers. 64 For, behold, it is a tree that grows in the bottom of Hellfire, 65 its fruits are like the heads of devils. 66 And indeed, they (who are lost in evil) are bound to eat from it, filling up their bellies with it. 67 And, behold, above all this they will be given a mixture of boiling water. 68 **Then indeed, their return (i.e. ultimate destination) will be the Hellfire.** 69 **(For,) behold, they found their forefathers on a wrong path,** 70 **so they hastened (to follow) in their footsteps.** 71 **(Thus,) indeed, most of the ancients went astray before them,** 72 even though We had sent among them warners. 73 Then see how was the end of those who had been warned, 74 except for the chosen servants of God.

75 Indeed, Noah cried out to Us; and We are the Best of responders. 76 We saved him and (the believers in) his household from the great affliction; 77 and We made his

offspring the (sole) survivors; 78 and We left for him (a goodly remembrance) among later generations. 79 'Peace be upon Noah among all peoples!' 80 Indeed, We thus reward those who do good with excellence. 81 For he was (truly) one of Our faithful servants. 82 (So We saved him and those who followed him,) and then We caused the others to drown.

83 And indeed, one of those who followed his way was Abraham. 84 When he turned to his Lord with a pure heart. 85 And when he spoke to his father and his people (he asked), 'What is it that you worship?' 86 Is it false deities, instead of (the One True) God that you are willing (to worship)? 87 Then what do you think about the Lord of the universe?

88 Then he cast a glance at the stars, 89 and said, 'Indeed, I am sick (I cannot join your festival).' 90 So they turned their backs on him and went away. 91 Then he turned to their deities and said, 'What! You do not eat (of the offerings placed before you)?' 92 What is (wrong) with you that you do not speak?' 93 Then he (swiftly) turned upon them, striking (them) with his right hand. 94 Then they (i.e. the deniers of the truth knew about this,) came rushing towards him (furiously). 95 He argued, **'HOW CAN YOU WORSHIP WHAT YOU CARVE WITH YOUR OWN HANDS?** 96 **But (the fact is that) it is God Who created you and all what you make!'** 97 They said (to one another), 'Construct for him a structure (i.e. furnace), and throw him into a blazing fire!' 98 And so they sought to harm him, but We (frustrated their designs, and thus) humiliated them all. 99 And (after his rescue from the fire) Abraham said, 'Indeed, I am going to my Lord, He will guide me.' 100 (And he prayed,) 'O my Lord! Bestow upon me (the gift of) a righteous son.' 101 So We gave him the glad tidings of a forbearing son.

102 And when he (i.e. Abraham's son) attained (the age of) working with him, he said, 'O my dear son! Indeed, I have seen in a dream that I am sacrificing you. So tell me what you think of it!' He answered, 'O my dear father! Do whatever you are commanded; you will find me, if God so wills, among those who are steadfast.' 103 And when they had both submitted themselves (to God's will), and Abraham laid his son down on his face (for sacrifice), 104 We called out to him, 'O Abraham! 105 Verily, you have fulfilled the dream.' Indeed, We thus reward those who do good with excellence; 106 for, behold, that was a clear trial. 107 And We ransomed his son with a great sacrifice. 108 And We left for him (a goodly remembrance) among later generations. 109 'Peace be upon Abraham!' 110 (Indeed,) We thus reward those who do good with excellence. 111 Indeed, he was (truly) one of Our believing servants. 112 We (later) gave him the glad tidings of Isaac, (who, too, would be) a prophet, from among the righteous. 113 And We blessed him and Isaac too. But among their descendants some were the (sincere) doers of good, and some were clearly unjust to themselves (i.e. sinners).

114 And (thus,) indeed, We bestowed Our favour upon Moses and Aaron; 115 and We Saved them and their people from the great agony, 116 and We helped them, so they became the victors. 117 And We gave them the (divine) Book with clear (guidance); 118 and We guided them to the straight path. 119 And We left for them (a goodly remembrance) among later generations. 120 'Peace be upon Moses and Aaron.' 121 Indeed, We thus reward those who do good with excellence. 122 Indeed, they were among Our (truly) believing servants.

123 Indeed, Elias (too) was one of the messengers. 124 When he said to his people, 'Will you not remain conscious of God? 125 Do you invoke 'Baal' (i.e. the false deity), and forsake the Best of creators - 126 **(THE ONE TRUE) GOD - WHO IS YOUR LORD AND THE LORD OF YOUR FOREFATHERS?'**

Note: - The One True God is the Lord of entire mankind. So He alone is Worthy of worship for all. Except the One, every so-called deity is mere imagination and falsehood.

127 BUT THEY GAVE HIM THE LIE, SO THEY WILL CERTAINLY BE BROUGHT FORTH (FOR THE PUNISHMENT);

Note: - Falsehood is not eternally cherishable thing, it does not exist but only in the imagination of some people; so on the Day of Judgement, it is bound to perish even from the imaginations.

128 Except the sincere servants of God (i.e. they will be kept secure). 129 And We left for him (i.e. for Elias - a goodly remembrance) among later generations. 130 'Peace be upon Elias (and his followers)!' 131 Indeed, We thus reward those who do good with excellence. 132 Indeed, he was of our (truly) believing servants!

133 Indeed, Lot was one of the messengers. 134 When (We decreed the doom of his sinful town,) We saved him and all of his household; 135 except an old woman (i.e. the wife of Lot) who was among those that stayed behind (with evildoers); 136 then We (utterly) destroyed the others (excluding the followers of Lot); 137 and indeed; (to this day, O Makkans,) you pass by their (ruins) by day 138 and by night. Will you not then use your reason?

139 Indeed, Jonah was one of the messengers. 140 (Remember the incident) when he ran away to the fully laden ship. 141 Then he participated in drawing lots (to offload one of the passengers), and he was the one who lost (then he was thrown overboard). 142 Then (it came about that) a (great) fish (i.e. a whale) swallowed him, while he was reproaching his own self. 143 And if he had not been of those who extol the glory of God, 144 he would have certainly remained in the belly of the fish until the Day when people will be resurrected (i.e. the belly of the whale would have become his grave). 145 But

We cast him onto the open (shore), while he was (totally) worn out; 146 and We caused to grow over him a gourd vine. 147 We (later) sent him back to (his people) - a hundred thousand, or even more, 148 and (this time) they believed (in him), so We let them enjoy life for a time.

149 **So, ask them, 'Does your Lord have daughters, while they (prefer to) have sons?** 150 **Or (ask them) did We create the angels as females, while they were witnessing?'** 151 **No indeed! It is one of their (outrageous) fabrications (when) they say,** 152 **'God has begotten (offspring),' (but fact is that) they are absolute liars.** 153 **Is it that He has chosen daughters (for Himself) in preference to sons?** 154 **WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH YOU? HOW DO YOU JUDGE?** 155 **Will you not then reflect?** 156 **Or, is it that you have a clear authority (about what you say)?** 157 **Produce, then, your scripture, if you are sincere!**

Note: - The True Creator is the Creator of everything - sons, daughters, angels, humans, jinns, all living and non-living entities - i.e. the entire universe. Those who have not discovered the True Almighty fabricate such baseless, factless superstitions.

158 They claim that there is a kinship between Him and the jinn-beings, but jinn-beings themselves know that they (who thus blaspheme against God) will certainly be produced (before Him for judgement). 159 All Glory be to God! (He is totally free) from what they attribute (to Him). 160 But the sincere servants of God (who do not share in that sin). 161 So indeed, you and whatever you worship, 162 none of you can make (anyone) turn away from Him, 163 except he who (himself) is going to (enter and) burn in Hell (i.e. who himself has chosen the path of Hell). 164 (The angels say,) 'And there is none among us but he has an assigned place, 165 and we are indeed those who stand ranged in ranks, 166 and we are indeed those who (always) glorify God.'

167 And indeed, they (i.e. the deniers of the truth) used to say, 168 'Had there been a Reminder with us like (that of) earlier peoples, 169 we would have surely been the sincere servants of God. 170 But (now that the Quran has come to them,) they refuse to acknowledge it as the truth! So they will soon come to know (what it was they had rejected)! 171 And Our word (i.e. decree) has already preceded for Our servants - the messengers; 172 that they will surely be helped, 173 and that Our hosts - they will certainly be the victorious. 174 So, turn away from them for a while. 175 Wait and see, soon they too (i.e. the deniers of the truth) will come to see (their end)!

176 Do they (really) seek to hasten Our punishment? 177 But when it will descend in their courtyard, how terrible will be the morning for those who had been forewarned! 178 So turn away from them for a while. 179 Wait and see, soon they too (i.e. the deniers of the truth) will come to see (their end)! 180 All Glory be to your Lord, the Lord of Honour (and power) - (Exalted is He) far above anything what they ascribe to Him, 181 and peace be upon the messengers!

182 AND ALL PRAISE (AND GRATITUDE) IS FOR (THE ONE TRUE) GOD ALONE, THE SUSTAINER OF ALL THE WORLDS.

SURAH–38. SAAD

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1 Saad. By the Quran, full of admonition! 2 (This is the truth) yet those who deny the truth are (entrenched) in arrogance and opposition. 3 How many (denying) generations We have destroyed before them! And (when the disaster came, then) they cried out (for mercy), but (it was too late,) it was not a time for escape.

4 And they wonder that a warner has come to them from among themselves. And (so) the deniers of the truth say, 'This is a sorcerer, a great liar. 5 Has he reduced (all) the deities to (only) One God (i.e. Has he rejected all deities except the One God)? Indeed, this is something totally astonishing!' 6 And the chiefs among them went forth, (saying to their followers), 'Go ahead (as you are), and hold steadfastly to your deities. This is a thing designed (against you)! 7 We have not heard of any such thing in the previous faith. This is nothing but a fabrication. 8 What! Has the message been revealed (only) to him, out of (all of) us?' Rather, (the fact is that) they are in doubt about My Reminder, for they have not yet tasted the punishment which I do impose!

9 Or (is it because) they possess the treasures of your Lord's grace, the Supremely mighty, the Superb Bestower? 10 Or (is it because) the dominion of heavens and the earth and everything in between belongs to them? Then let them ascend up by (any) means (to the heaven, if their claim is true)! 11 This is only a small host - among several hosts, which is bound to suffer defeat (like the hosts of the old times were defeated). 12 Even before these (deniers of the truth i.e. Makkans), the people of Noah gave the lie to the truth, so did (the tribe of) Aad, and Pharaoh of mighty structures, 13 and (the tribe of) Thamood, and the people of Lot, and the dwellers of the wooded (dales of Madyan) - they all were the confederates (of untruth). 14 Each of them gave the lie to their messenger, so

just was My retribution. 15 And these (deniers of the truth) are awaiting nothing but a single blast (of punishment to overtake them) that cannot be stopped. 16 And they say (mockingly), 'O our Lord! Hasten for us our share (of the punishment even) before the Day of Reckoning!'

17 (O prophet,) be patient with whatever they say, and remember Our servant David, the possessor of (so much inner) strength! Indeed, he constantly turned (to Us). 18 Behold, We subjected the mountains (to join) him in glorifying (Our praises) at nightfall and sunrise; 19 and (likewise) the birds used to gather together, all would join him repeatedly (to echo his act of glorifying Our praises). 20 And We strengthened his kingdom, and We gave him wisdom and sagacity in judgement.

21 Has there come to you the story of the two litigants, when they entered the prayer chamber (of David) by climbing over the wall? 22 When they entered upon David, and he was frightened of them. They said, 'Do not be afraid. We are two litigants, one of us has wronged the other, so judge between us with fairness, and do not be unjust, and guide us to the right path.'

23 'Behold, this is my brother, he has ninety-nine ewes, while I have (only) one. Still he said, 'Entrust it to me, and he overpowered me in (his) argument.' 24 David said, 'He has certainly wronged you by demanding that your ewe be added to his flock! Thus, behold, most of the partners act wrongfully towards one another, except those who believe and do righteous deeds, but how few they are!' Then (suddenly) David realized that We were only testing him, so he prayed to his Lord to forgive him, and he fell down in prostration, and turned (to Him) in repentance. 25 So We forgave that for him. And he will certainly have a status of nearness to Us, and a good place of return.

26 (And We instructed him,) 'O David! Behold, We have made you an authority in the land, so judge between people with justice, and do not ever follow (your own) desires that they may lead you astray from the path of God. Indeed, those

who go astray from God's path will suffer a severe punishment, for having neglected the Day of Reckoning. 27 **WE HAVE NOT CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND WHATEVER IS BETWEEN THEM IN VAIN.** That is the assumption of those who deny the truth (that they take the creation as coincidence). So woe to those who are bent on denying the truth from the Fire.

28 OR SHOULD WE TREAT THOSE WHO HAVE ATTAINED TO FAITH AND DO RIGHTEOUS DEEDS EQUAL TO THOSE WHO SPREAD CORRUPTION IN THE LAND? OR SHOULD WE TREAT THE GOD-CONSCIOUS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE WICKED?

29 (O prophet!) This Quran is a blessed Book which We have sent down to you, so that people may ponder over its messages, and that people of reason may take admonition.

30 And to David We gave Solomon - what an excellent servant (he was)! Indeed, he constantly turned (to Us). 31 One evening, well-trained and swift horses of noble breed were presented before him. 32 He then proclaimed, 'I am truly in love with (these) fine things out of remembrance for God (i.e. my love for good things is part of my remembering my Lord, they cause me to remember my Lord)!' (He kept repeating these words as the horses raced away,) until they went out of sight. 33 (Solomon ordered,) 'Bring them back to me!' Then he (lovingly) began to pass (his hand) over (their) legs and necks.

34 And We certainly tested Solomon, and We cast upon his throne a (deformed lifeless) body, and then he turned (towards Us in repentance). 35 He prayed, 'O my Lord! Forgive me and grant me a kingdom, the like of which will never be granted to anyone after me. Indeed, You (alone) are the Superb Bestower. 36 So We subjected to him the wind to flow gently at his command to wherever he wished, 37 and (We subjected to him)

every (kind of) builder and diver of the jinn-beings, 38 and other (jinn-beings) were bound together in shackles. 39 (We said to Solomon,) 'This is Our gift, so bestow generously, or withhold (as you wish), never to be called to account.' 40 And he will certainly have a status of nearness to Us, and an honourable destination!

41 And remember Our servant Job, when he cried out to his Lord (saying), 'Behold, Satan has afflicted me with distress and suffering.' 42 (Thereupon he was told,) 'Strike (the ground) with your foot! Here is cool (and refreshing) spring for you to wash with, and to drink. 43 And We restored his family to him, doubling their number as an act of grace from Us, and as a reminder for those who are endowed with insight. 44 (We said to him,) 'Take a bunch (of grass) in your hand, and strike (your wife) with it, and do not break your oath.' We truly found him steadfast - an excellent servant (of Ours), indeed, he constantly turned (to Us).

45 And remember Our servants: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - (all of them were) endowed within inner strength and vision. 46 Indeed, We chose them for a special (purpose) - and that is the proclaiming the message of the Home (of eternal life). 47 And behold, in Our sight, they are among the chosen and excellent ones. 48 And remember Ishmael, Elisha and Dhul-Kifl. Each of them was among the best.

49 This (Quran) is a Reminder. And the God-conscious will certainly have a good place of return - 50 the Gardens of perpetual bliss, whose gates will be wide open for them. 51 There they will recline, calling for abundant fruit and drink; 52 and with them there will be well-matched companions of modest gaze (and equal age). 53 This is what you are promised for the Day of Reckoning. 54 Indeed, this is Our provision (for the inhabitants of Paradise) which will never finish. 55 This is (for the righteous). But for the transgressors there is certainly an evil resort - 56 Hell, where they will burn. What a terrible resting place! 57 This is so! Let them then taste it - boiling water and (foul) fluid, 58 and other (torments) of similar kind,

all together! 59 (When the leaders of the untruth will see their followers entering the Hell after them, they will say to one another, 'Do you see) this crowd of people rushing headlong to join you? There is no welcome for them, for they (too) will burn in the Fire!'

60 (The followers) will say (to their leaders), 'No, it is you - for whom there is no welcome! It is you who brought this upon us! What a terrible place to settle in!' 61 They will say, 'O our Lord! Whoever brought this upon us, give him double punishment in the Fire.' 62 The tyrants will ask (one another), 'How is it that we do not see (any of those) men (here in Hell) whom we used to count among the wicked (in the pre-death life)? 63 Were we wrong in mocking them, or do our eyes (just) fail to see them (in the Fire)? 64 This is certainly true that the inmates of the Fire will blame one another in this way.

65 Say (O prophet), 'I am only a warner; and **THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT (THE ONE TRUE) GOD - THE ONE - WHO HOLDS ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER ALL THAT EXISTS - 66 (HE IS THE) SUSTAINER OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH, AND WHATEVER IS BETWEEN THEM; THE SUPREMELY MIGHTY, THE MOST FORGIVING.** 67 Say (O prophet), 'This (Quran) is momentous news, 68 (how) you can neglect it!' 69 (And say, O prophet,) 'I had no knowledge of the exalted assembly (of angels) when they were disputing (about the creation of man). 70 It has only been revealed to me (by God) that I am a clear warner.'

71 (Remember) when your Lord said to the angels, 'Indeed, I am going to create a human being from clay. 72 So when I have fashioned him (in a due proportion), and breathed into him of My (created) spirit, then fall down in prostration to him

(as a token of respect for him).' 73 Then the angels prostrated themselves, all of them together, 74 except Iblees; he behaved arrogantly and became one of those who deny the truth. 75 God said, 'O Iblees! What prevented you from prostrating to that (being) which **I HAVE CREATED WITH MY OWN HANDS?** Were you (just) overcome by arrogance, or are you of (those who think only of themselves as) exalted?'

Note: - These words of the Creator show that the creation of human being is purposeful creation. This is totally false notion that human being has come into existence through blind evolution. Purposeful and meaningful existence of human being rejects the notion of evolution and verifies the statement of the Creator that 'I have created human being with my own hands.' And when human being is purposeful creation, then its end cannot be purposeless, that is why, it is a must for us to know the creation plan of the Creator.

76 Iblees answered, 'I am better than him. You created me from fire, whereas you created him from clay.' 77 God commanded, 'Then get out from here (i.e. from this angelic state), for, behold, you are henceforth accursed! 78 And indeed, upon you is My condemnation until the Day of Judgement!'

79 Iblees appealed, 'O my Lord! Then grant me respite (i.e. delay my end) until the Day when all will be resurrected.' 80 God answered, 'So indeed, you are of those granted respite 81 until the appointed Day.' 82 Iblees said, 'Then, I swear by Your Majesty, I will certainly mislead them all; 83 except Your chosen servants among them.' 84 **God said, 'This is the truth, and (what) I say is the truth,** 85 **(that) I will certainly fill up Hell with you, and with whoever of them follows you all together.'**

86 Say (O prophet), 'I do not ask you for any recompense for this (message), nor am I of those who pretend. 87 This Quran is only a reminder for entire mankind. 88 And you will certainly come to know (the truth of) its tidings before long.'

SURAH–39. AZ-ZUMAR

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1 The revelation of (this divine) Book (i.e. the Quran) is from God - the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 2 For, behold, We have revealed to you the (heavenly) Book with the truth, so worship God alone, making your submission exclusive for Him. 3 Unquestionably, it is for God (alone) that sincere obedience is due. As for those who take others for their protectors apart from Him, (say,) 'We only worship them that they may bring us closer to God.' Behold, God will judge between them (on the Day of Resurrection) concerning that over which they differ. For, indeed, God does not guide the one who is a liar, and stubbornly refuses to acknowledge the truth.

4 If God had willed to take to Himself a son, He could have chosen from what He has created whomever He willed. All Glory be to Him! He is the One (True) God - the One Who holds absolute control over all that exists! 5 He has created the heavens and the earth for a true purpose. He wraps the night over the day, and wraps the day over the night. **AND HE HAS SUBJECTED THE SUN AND THE MOON (TO HIS LAWS),** each running its course for a term set (by Him). Unquestionably, He is the Supreme in might, the Most Forgiving.

Note: - Sun, moon, stars, trees, mountains, etc. - all have been subjected. Those things and beings who have been subjected can never be worthy of worship. He alone is Worthy of worship - Who created and subjected the entire universe.

6 He created you (all) from a single person, then from him He made his mate; and He provided for you eight heads of cattle in pairs; HE CREATES YOU IN THE WOMBS OF YOUR MOTHERS (IN STAGES), ONE DEVELOPMENT AFTER ANOTHER, IN THREE LAYERS OF DARKNESS. SUCH IS GOD - YOUR (TRUE) LORD. To Him (alone) belongs all the dominion, there does not exist any deity except Him, how can you then turn away (from the truth)?

7 If you are ungrateful, behold, God has no need of you, yet He does not like ungratefulness on the part of His servants. And if you show gratitude, He is pleased (to see) it in you. No bearer of burdens will bear another's burden (i.e. the burden of sins). Then to your Lord is your return; and He will inform you of whatever you used to do. For, indeed, He has full knowledge of what is in the minds (of people).

8 When some adversity befalls man he cries out to his Lord, turning (in repentance) to Him (alone); but when He grants him a favour from Him, he (totally) forgets the One he had cried to earlier, and he sets up equals to God, in order to lead others astray from His path. Say (to him who sins in this way), 'Enjoy yourself for a while in your denial of the truth; (yet,) indeed, you are of the inmates of the Fire. 9 Is the one who is devoutly obedient (towards his Lord) during the hours of night, prostrating himself and standing in prayer, ever-mindful of the eternal life, and hoping for his Lord's grace, (equal to the one who is bent on denying the truth)? Say, 'Are those who know equal to those who do not know?' (But) it is only those endowed with insight will receive admonition.

10 (O prophet,) convey (this message of Mine to My servants), 'O My servants who have attained to faith!

Be conscious of your Lord! Ultimate good awaits those who persevere in doing good in this world. And (remember that) God's earth is spacious. **INDEED, THOSE WHO OBSERVE PATIENCE WILL BE GIVEN THEIR REWARD WITHOUT MEASURE.'**

Note: - According to the Quran, patience is such a great act in the eye of God that its reward is beyond any measure. It is totally baseless allegation on Islam that it supports violence. Those who are indulged in violence in the name of Islam, in fact, have nothing to do with Islam.

11 Say (O prophet), 'Behold, I have been commanded to worship God alone, making my submission exclusive to Him; 12 and I have been commanded to be foremost among those who submit themselves to God.' 13 Say, 'I truly fear - if I disobeyed my Lord - the torment of a tremendous Day.' 14 Say, 'It is (the One True) God alone Whom I worship, making my submission exclusive to Him. 15 Worship then whatever (deities) you wish other than Him.' **SAY, 'BEHOLD, THE (TRUE) LOSERS ARE THOSE WHO WILL PUT THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES INTO LOSS ON THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT.' THAT IS INDEED THE OBIVOUS LOSS.** 16 (Those who will meet the eternal loss -) they will have layers of Fire above them; and layers of Fire beneath them. That is what God warns His servants with. 'O My servants! Be, then, conscious of Me.'

17 But those who shun the worship of false deities, and (penitently) turn to (the One True) God, for them are glad tidings, so give glad tidings to My servants - 18 those who listen to what is said, and follow the best of it, (for) it is they whom God has guided, and it is they who are (truly) endowed with insight!

19 But what of him against whom the decree of punishment has been passed (- is he equal to the one who will be rewarded with Paradise)? Then, can you save one who is in the Fire? 20 But for those who are conscious of their Lord, there are lofty mansions built one above another, beneath which running waters flow. (It is) the promise of God, (and) never does God fail to fulfil His promise.

21 Do you not see that God sends down rain from the sky and causes it to flow as springs (and rivers) in the earth; then He produces thereby herbage of various colours, then they dry up, and you see them turned yellow; and in the end He causes them to crumble to dust? Indeed, in (all) this there is a reminder to those who are endowed with insight! 22 So is one whose mind God has opened up for Islam (i.e. self-surrender to Him), so he is illumined by a light from his Lord (like the blind and deaf of mind who denies the truth)? So woe to those whose hearts are hardened against the remembrance of God! It is they who are in obvious error. 23 (It is) God (Who) has revealed the best message - a Book of perfect consistency and repeated lessons - which causes the skins (and hearts) of those who fear their Lord to tremble, then their skins and their hearts soften at the remembrance of God. This is the guidance of God, through which He guides whomever He wills. Whereas he whom God lets go astray can never find any guide.

24 Then can he, who will confront with his face the worst of torment on the Day of Resurrection (that will befall him,) (be likened to the God-conscious who will be secure from it)? (On that Day,) the evildoers will be told, 'Taste (now) what you used to earn (in pre-death life)!' 25 Those who lived before them (also) gave the lie to the truth, **SO THE TORMENT CAME UPON THEM FROM WHERE THEY HAD NEVER IMAGINED.** 26 So God made them taste humiliation in the life of this world, and of course, the punishment of the post-death life is far worse, if they (who now deny the truth) but knew it!

27 (Thus) We have certainly set forth every (kind of) lesson for people in this Quran, so that they may receive admonition. 28 (It is) a Quran (revealed) in Arabic, free from any flaw (and contradiction), so that they may become conscious of God. 29 **God sets forth an example of a man (enslaved and) owned by several quarrelsome masters, (and on the other hand,) there is a man owned by only one master. Can they be equal in comparison?** All praise (and gratitude) is for (the One True) God (alone), but most of them do not understand this.

Note: - One who believes in so-called multiple deities can never get peace of mind, nor conviction. He will always remain confused. Belief in so-called multiple deities is against human nature. For conviction and peace of mind, human nature requires the support of the One Who is truly All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful.

30 Yet, indeed, you are bound to die (O prophet), and indeed, they (i.e. the deniers of the truth) too are bound to die, 31 and then, behold, on the Day of Resurrection you will all (place your) disputes before your Lord.

PART – 24 32 Then who can be more unjust than he who fabricates a lie against God, and gives the lie to the truth when it comes to him? Is not Hell a (proper) abode for all those who deny the truth? 33 But he who brings the truth, and he who (wholeheartedly) testifies to it as true - it is they who are (truly) conscious of Him! 34 **THEY WILL HAVE WHATEVER THEY DESIRE WITH THEIR LORD. SUCH WILL BE THE REWARD OF THOSE WHO DO GOOD WITH EXCELLENCE.** 35 As such, God will efface from their record the worst of what they did, and give them their reward in accordance with the best that they used to do (in pre-death life).

36 Is God not Sufficient for His servant? Yet they (try to) frighten you with those (imagined deities which they worship) apart from Him. **BUT HE WHOM GOD LETS GO ASTRAY, FOR HIM - THERE IS NO GUIDE.**

Note: - This is the introduction of the True and Ultimate Guide, if He closes the door of guidance for someone who deserves for it, thereafter none can open it for him.

37 Whereas he whom God guides (aright), (then) there is none that can lead him astray. Is God not - the Supremely Mighty, Ever-Capable of retribution?

38 And (such is the case of most people) if you ask them, 'Who is it that created the heavens and the earth?' They will certainly answer, 'God!' Ask (them), Have you, then, ever thought what it is that you invoke instead of (the One True) God? If God wills to cause some harm to me, can those (imagined deities) remove the harm caused by Him? Or if He wills to bless me with some grace, can they withhold His grace (from me)? Say, God is Sufficient for me; in Him (alone) do put their trust all who have trust (in Him). 39 Say, 'O my people (who deny the truth)! Persist in your ways, for I (too) will persist in mine. You will soon come to know - 40 to whom will come a torment humiliating him (in this life), and upon whom will alight an everlasting punishment (in the next).' 41 **Behold, We have revealed to you the (divine) Book with the truth for all mankind. So whoever chooses to be guided, it is for his own good, and whoever chooses to go astray, it is only to his own loss; and you are not a custodian over them (i.e. you are not accountable for their conduct).** 42 It is God Who takes away the souls (of people) at the time of their death, and of those who do not die (He takes their souls) during their sleep. Then He withholds (the souls) of those upon whom He has decreed death, and lets the others go

free for a term set (by Him). Behold, there are (messageful) signs in this, for those who reflect.

43 Is it that they have taken intercessors out of those (whom they invoke) other than God? Say, '(Do you take them as intercessors) even though they do not have any power over anything, nor do they understand?' 44 Say, 'All intercession belongs to God (alone). To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. Then to Him you will all be brought back.' 45 **Yet when God (alone) is mentioned, the hearts of those who do not believe in the post-death eternal life shrink with aversion, but when those (false deities whom they worship) other than Him are mentioned, they are filled with joy.** 46 Say, 'O God - Originator of the heavens and the earth! All-Knower of the unseen (i.e. the realities beyond human understanding) and All-Knower of the witnessed. It is You Who will judge between Your servants (on the Day of Resurrection), concerning their differences. 47 But if those who are bent on evildoing possessed all that is on the earth, and twice as much, they would surely offer it as ransom themselves from the worst of the punishment (that will befall them) on the Day of Resurrection. But there will appear to them from God that which they had never anticipated. 48 The evil consequences of their deeds will become apparent to them, and they will be overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule.

49 When an adversity befalls man, he cries out to Us. Then when We grant him a favour from Us; he says, 'I have been given all this only because of (my) knowledge.' Not at all! This (bestowal of grace) is (no more than) a test, but most of them do not realize it. 50 Indeed, those before them had said it, but of no avail to them was all that they had ever earned. 51 So the evil (consequences) of what they had earned overtook them. And those who have wronged of these (people) will be

overtaken by the evil consequences of what they earned; and never will they be able to escape (from Us). 52 Do they not know that it is God Who grants abundant sustenance, or gives it in scant measure - to whomever He wills? Behold, there are (messageful) signs in this those who believe!

53 **Say (God says so), 'O servants of Mine who have transgressed against themselves, do not despair of God's mercy. Behold, God forgives all (past) sins (- of those who wholeheartedly turn to Him,) for, indeed, He (alone) is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.** 54 Hence, turn to your Lord (in repentance), and (fully) submit yourselves to Him before the punishment comes upon you, for then you will not be helped.

55 And follow the best of what has been sent down to you from your Lord, before the punishment comes upon you all of a sudden, while you do not perceive (its approach); 56 lest someone should say (on the Day of Judgement), 'Woe to me, for having neglected my duties towards God, and for having been indeed one of those who ridiculed (the truth)!' 57 Or lest anyone (of you) say, 'If only God had guided me, I would have certainly been among those who are conscious of Him!' 58 Or lest anyone (of you) say, when he sees the torment, 'If only I had a second chance, then I could be among the (sincere) doers of good.' 59 (But God will reply,) 'Not at all! My messages had already come to you; but you gave them the lie, and you acted arrogantly, and you became of those who denied the truth!'

60 And on the Day of Resurrection you will see those who had forged lies against God - their faces will be darkened (by grief and humiliation). Is Hell not a (proper) abode for the arrogant? 61 And God will deliver those who were mindful (of Him) to their place of ultimate success. **NO EVIL WILL EVER TOUCH THEM, NOR WILL THEY GRIEVE.**

62 (The One True) God is the Creator of all things, and He is the Maintainer of all things. 63 To Him belong the keys of (the treasures of) the heavens and the earth. And they who are bent on denying the truth of God's messages - it is they who are the losers. 64 Say (O prophet), 'Is it other than God that you urge me to worship, O you who are unaware (of right and wrong)?' 65 It has already been revealed to you, as it was to those before you, **'IF YOU ASCRIBE ANY PARTNER TO GOD, ALL YOUR DEEDS WILL COME TO NOTHING, AND YOU WILL SURELY BE AMONG THE LOSERS.' 66 RATHER, WORSHIP (THE ONE TRUE) GOD (ALONE), and be among those who (constantly) acknowledge (Him).**

67 **They have not appraised God with true appraisal, while the earth entirely will be (within) His grip on the Day of Resurrection, and the heavens will be rolled up in His right hand. All Glory be to Him! And Exalted is He above all what they associate with Him.** 68 And (on that Day,) the trumpet (of Judgement) will be blown, then whoever is in the heavens and whoever is on the earth will fall down in a swoon, except him whom God wills (to save). Then it will be blown second time, and behold! They will rise up, and will be looking on. 69 And the earth will shine with the Light of its Lord. And the record (of everyone's deeds) will be laid (open), and the prophets and witnesses will be brought

forward, and judgement will be passed between them with fairness; and they will never be wronged. 70 For (on that Day) every human being will be paid in full for whatever (good or evil) he/she did, for He is fully Aware of all that they do.

71 And those who were bent on denying the truth will be driven to Hell in (successive) groups, until when they reach it, its gates will be opened, and its keepers will ask them, 'Did there not come to you messengers from among yourselves, conveying to you your Lord's messages, and warning you of the coming of this Day of yours?' The deniers will cry, 'Yes, indeed!' But the verdict of punishment has come to pass against the deniers of the truth. 72 It will be said to them, 'Enter the gates of Hell to abide eternally therein.' How terrible is the abode of the arrogant! 73 But those who were conscious of their Lord will be led to Paradise in (successive) groups, until when they arrive at its (already) open gates, its keepers will say to them, 'Peace be upon you! You have done well; enter Paradise to abide eternally therein.' 74 And they (who will be entering into Paradise) will exclaim, 'All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - Who has fulfilled His promise to us, and made us the inheritors of this (everlasting) land, we may settle in Paradise wherever we wish.' How excellent is the reward of those who laboured (in God's way)! 75 And you will see the angels surrounding the Throne (of God's almightiness), extolling their Lord's infinite glory and praise. And judgement will have been passed with justice on all, and it will be said, 'All praise (and gratitude) is for God (alone) - the Sustainer of all the worlds.

SURAH–40. GHAAFIR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Haa, Meem. 2 This (divine) Book is revealed by God - the Supremely Mighty, the All-Knower, 3 the Forgiver of sin(s), and the Ever-Acceptor of repentance, (and) the Severe in

punishment and Infinite in bounty. **THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM, TO HIM IS THE FINAL RETURN.**

4 None but those who are bent on denying the truth dispute concerning God's messages, so let not their (prosperous) movements in the land deceive you. 5 Before these (deniers of the truth), the people of Noah, and other factions after Noah's people gave the lie to the truth. Every community plotted against its messenger to seize him. And they disputed by means of fallacious arguments to refute therewith the truth, hence I seized them. How (terrible) was my retribution! 6 And thus has the word of your Lord come true against those who are bent on denying the truth - that they will be the inmates of the Fire.

7 Those (angels) who bear (within themselves the knowledge of) the throne (of God's almightiness), as well as who are near it, extol their Lord's infinite glory and praise, and have faith in Him, and seek forgiveness for those who have attained to faith (praying), 'O our Lord! You encompass all things by Your grace and knowledge; so forgive those who turn to You and follow Your path, and save them from the torment of the Fire! 8 O our Lord! Admit them to Gardens of perpetual bliss which You have promised them, together with the righteous from among their parents, their spouses, and their offspring, Indeed, It is You Who are the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom! 9 And protect them from evil (consequences of their sins). And whomever You protect from the evil (consequences) on that Day, then indeed, You have bestowed with Your mercy on him. And that is (truly) the ultimate success!'

10 (But,) behold, as for those who are bent on denying the truth will be addressed (on the Day of Judgement), 'Certainly God's abhorrence of you was greater than your hatred of yourselves (today), when you were called to the (true) faith, but

you refused (to accept) it.' 11 (Whereupon) they will plead, 'O our Lord! You have caused us to die twice, and gave us life twice, (but now) we have confessed our sins. So is there any way for getting out (this torment)?' 12 (They will be told,) '(No,) this (has befallen you) because whenever (the One True) God alone was invoked, you (staunchly) used to deny the truth; but when others were associated with Him, you (readily) used to believe (in it)! So (Today) all judgement rests with (the One True) God, the Ever-Exalted, the Most Great!'

13 It is He - Who shows you His wonders (in the entire universe), and sends down sustenance for you from the sky, but none pays heed (to receive admonition) except the one who turns (to God). 14 So invoke (the One True) God (alone), making your submission exclusive for Him, however hateful this may be to those who deny the truth! 15 (He is) Highly Exalted in rank, Lord of the Throne (of the dominion of the universe); He sends down the revelation by His command upon whomever He wills of His servants, in order to warn (people) of the Day of Meeting - 16 the Day all will appear (before God), and nothing about them will be hidden from Him.

(THEN IT WILL BE ASKED,) 'TO WHOM DOES THE DOMINION BELONG TODAY?' (FROM ALL CORNERS - THE ANSWER WILL BE) 'IT BELONGS TO GOD - the One - Who holds absolute control over all that exists!' 17 (It will then be said,) this Day, every human being will be recompensed for what he/she had earned. (There is) no injustice Today! Surely, God is quick to settle accounts. 18 And warn them (O prophet) of the Day that is drawing near, when the hearts will chokingly come up to the throats; the evildoers will have no close friend, nor any intercessor whose word may

be heeded, 19 **for He is Ever-Aware of the (most) stealthy glance of the eyes, and what the minds conceal.** 20 God judges in accordance with the truth, while those (beings) whom they invoke besides Him can judge nothing at all. Indeed, it is God alone Who is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

21 Have they not travelled through the land and observed how was the end of those (deniers of the truth) who were before them? They were far greater than these in strength, and in the impact which they left in the land, but God seized them for their sins, and they had none to defend them against God (-the Supremely Mighty). 22 That was because there came to them their messengers with clear evidence of the truth, but they rejected (them), and so God seized them, for, indeed, He is All-Powerful, Severe in retribution!

23 (Thus,) indeed, We had sent Moses with Our (messageful) signs, and a clear authority (from Us) 24 to Pharaoh, Haamaan and Qaaroon. But they (only) said (to Moses), 'A sorcerer and an utter liar!' 25 Then, when he came to them with the truth (brought) from Us, they said, 'Kill the sons of those who have believed with him, and keep their women alive!' But the scheme of the deniers of the truth was only in vain!

26 And (one day) Pharaoh said, 'Let me kill Moses, let him call upon his Lord! I truly fear that he may cause you to change your religion, or that he may spread corruption in the land!' 27 But Moses replied, 'I have sought protection of my Lord and your Lord, **FROM EVERY ARROGANT PERSON WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE IN THE DAY OF RECKONING.**

Note: - The main cause of arrogance lies in not believing in the Day of Reckoning. When a man thinks that there is no Powerful One over him - Who can seize him, there is none to Whom he is accountable for his actions, this is what that leads man towards arrogant behaviour. But meaningful existence of the universe as well as the human being clearly shows that both can never meet the purposeless end. That is why the Day of Reckoning is bound to come.

28 And a believing man of Pharaoh's people who (until then) had concealed his faith, exclaimed, 'Would you kill a man simply because he says, 'My Lord is (The One True) God; and he has brought you all evidence of this truth from your Lord? Now if he is a liar, then his lie will fall back on him; but if he is a man (saying) the truth, (then) there will befall you some of what he warns you (with). Indeed, God does not guide one who is transgressor and an utter liar.' 29 (The believer continued,) 'O my people! The authority is yours today, being dominant in the land. But who will help us against the punishment of God, if it befalls us?' (Whereupon) Pharaoh assured, 'I am only telling you what I think is right, **AND I AM ONLY GUIDING YOU TO THE RIGHT PATH.'**

Note: - In this world of trial, even the leaders leading people astray hold the flag of right path in their hands. Because in this world, none holds the flag of wrong path or of destruction in his hand. Now it is up to everyone to use his/her reason, and to choose the path which is in fact the right, being alert against beautified falsehood.

30 Thereupon the man who had attained to faith (among the chief ones) cautioned, 'O my people! I truly fear for you something like the day (of disaster) - which befell the

confederates (of old lost in sin) - 31 the like of what befell Noah's people, and (the tribes of) Aad, and Thamood, and those (deniers) who came after them! God never desires injustice for His servants.'

32 'And O my people! I truly fear for you the Day when you all will be crying out to one another (in distress) - 33 the Day when you will (wish to) turn your backs and flee; having none to defend you against God - for he whom God lets go astray can never find any guide for him.'

34 'And indeed, Joseph had come to you before with clear evidence of the truth, but you (always) remained in doubt about what he brought to you. Then when he died, you said, 'God will never send a messenger after him!' Thus God lets go astray anyone who transgresses, and (always) lives in doubt - 35 those who dispute concerning the messages of God without any authority having come to them. It is greatly abhorrent in the sight of God, and in the sight of those who have attained to faith! Thus God sets a seal on the heart of every arrogant tyrant.'

36 And Pharaoh ordered, 'O Haamaan! Construct a tower for me, so that I may reach the pathways - 37 the pathways leading up to the heavens, so that I may have a look at the God of Moses, although I am sure he is a liar.' And thus Pharaoh's evil deeds were made so fair-seeming to him - that he was hindered from the path (of the truth). But Pharaoh's scheming led (himself) to nothing but ruin. 38 And the one who had attained to faith went on saying, 'O my people! Follow me; I will guide you to the right path! 39 O my people! **THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD IS NOTHING BUT A FLEETING ENJOYMENT, WHEREAS THE POST-DEATH WORLD IS TRULY THE HOME OF (PERMANENT) SETTLEMENT.**

40 Whoever does an evil deed will be recompensed with no more than the like thereof, **but whoever does a righteous deed, whether male or female, and is a believer, it is they who will enter Paradise, wherein they will be blessed with good without measure.**

Note: - Paradise is a place of infinite blessings. The resident of Paradise will be getting infinite blessings eternally. One should do one's best for such success.

This verse of the Quran also shows that Islam never discriminates between man and woman. The simple reason behind it is, the Creator of man and woman is the One and the Same. He has created both for different role, but not as one superior and other inferior.

41 And O my people! How is it that I call you to salvation, while you call me to the Fire? 42 You call me to deny (the One True) God, and to associate with Him that of which I have no knowledge, while I call you to the Supremely Mighty, the Most Forgiving!

43 There is no doubt that those (deities) to whom you invite me are not worthy to be invoked, neither in this world nor in the post-death eternal world. (Undoubtedly,) our return is to God, and it is the transgressors who will be the inmates of the Fire. 44 Soon you will remember what I am telling you; and I entrust my affairs to God. Indeed, God is Ever-Beholding of all His servants.'

45 Thus, God protected him from the evil of their scheming, whereas the people of Pharaoh were overwhelmed by the worst punishment - 46 it is the Fire - they are exposed to it morning and evening (in their graves). And on the Day the Hour will be established (it will be said), 'Admit the people of Pharaoh into the severest (and eternal) punishment.' 47 (Imagine) when they will dispute (one another) in the Fire, the weak (i.e. the followers) will say to those who were arrogant

(i.e. their leaders), 'Indeed, we were your (dedicated) followers, can you, then, relieve us of a portion of the Fire?' 48 But those who had been arrogant will say, 'Behold, we are all in it (together)! Indeed, (Almighty) God has already passed the judgement among His servants.' 49 And those in the Fire will cry out to the keepers of Hell, 'Invoke your Lord to lighten the torment for us for a day (at least)!' 50 The keepers will say, 'Did there not come to you your messengers with clear evidence of the truth?' Those (in the Fire) will reply, 'Of course, (they had come.)' The keepers will say, 'Then you yourselves invoke (Him),' but the invocation of those who deny the truth is only in vain. 51 Behold, We indeed help Our messengers and those who believe - (both) in this worldly life, and on the Day when the witnesses will stand forth (for testimony) - 52 the Day when the excuses of the evildoers will be of no benefit to them, and for them there is condemnation (by God eternally), and they will have the evil abode. 53 And We had certainly given Moses (Our) guidance; and We caused the children of Israel to inherit the (divine) Book - 54 as a (means of) guidance and a reminder for those who were endowed with insight. 55 So remain patient (in untoward situation) - for, indeed, God's promise always comes true - and seek forgiveness for your sin(s), and extol your Lord's infinite glory with (His) praise by night and by day.

56 Behold, as for those who dispute concerning God's messages without any authority having come to them - there is nothing in their hearts but greed for dominance, which they will never be able to attain. So seek refuge with God, for, indeed, He (alone) is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

57 **INDEED, THE CREATION OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH IS FAR GREATER THAN THE CREATION OF MANKIND, BUT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE (THIS).** 58 Those blind (to the truth) and those

who can see (it) are not equal, nor are those who believe and do righteous deeds (equal) to those who do evil. Little is that you reflect! 59 The Last Hour is sure to come, there is no doubt about it, but most people do not believe.

60 And your Lord says, 'Call upon Me; I will respond to you.' Indeed, those who are too proud to worship Me - will soon enter Hell - in humiliation.' 61 It is God Who has made the night for you, so that you may have rest in it, and the day - giving (you) visibility. Indeed, God is Full of bounty towards people, but most people are not grateful (towards Him). 62 Such is God - your (True) Lord - the Creator of all that exists, there does not exist any deity except Him. How can you then be deluded (from the truth)? 63 Thus were deluded those (before you) who used to reject the messages of God.

64 It is God Who has made the earth a resting place for you, and the sky a canopy. And He has fashioned you (in the womb) - and fashioned you so well, and provided you sustenance out of the good things (of life). Such is God - your (True) Lord. So Blessed is God - the Sustainer of all the worlds. 65 **HE IS EVER-LIVING; THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM. So invoke Him (alone), making your submission exclusive for Him. All praise (and gratitude) is for (the One True) God (alone) - the Sustainer of all the worlds.**

66 Say (O prophet), 'I have been forbidden to worship (any of) those beings whom you invoke instead of (the One True) God, since the clear evidences of the truth have come to me from my Lord, and I have been commanded to (fully) submit to the Sustainer of all the worlds.' 67 It is the One (True God alone) Who created you from dust, then from a drop of sperm, and then (developed you into) a clinging clot (of blood), then He brings you out as an infant, so that you may reach your age

of full strength, then you grow old, though some of you (may) die sooner - reaching an appointed term, so that you may use your reason (to know the truth). 68 It is the One (True God) Who gives life and causes death. And when He decrees a matter (i.e. when He wills a thing to be) then, He simply tells it, 'Be,' and it comes into existence.

69 Do you not see those who dispute concerning God's messages? How are they turned away (from the truth)? - 70 those who give the lie to the (divine) Book, and all that with which We sent Our messengers; but they will soon come to know (the consequences), 71 when they will have to carry the shackles (of their own evil deeds) around their necks, and the chains (with which) they will be dragged 72 through the boiling water, and then in the Fire they will be thrown. 73 Then they will be asked, 'Where are now those (beings) to whom you used to ascribe divinity 74 other than (the One True) God?' They will cry, 'They are lost to us; rather, what we used to invoke earlier did not exist at all!' (And they will be told,) 'It is thus that God lets the deniers of the truth go astray.' 75 (The angels will say,) 'This is because you used to rejoice on earth without any (concern for what is) right, and you used to behave arrogantly. 76 Enter (now) the gates of Hell to abide in it forever. The abode of arrogant is (indeed) terrible!'

77 So remain steadfast (O prophet, in all adverse situations), for the promise of God is certainly true, whether We show you some of what We have warned them (i.e. the deniers of the truth), or We cause you to die (before that retribution) - (know that, in any case), it is to Us that they will all be brought back.

78 And indeed, (O prophet,) We sent forth messengers even before you. Among them are some (whose stories) We have told you, and among them are some (whose stories) We have not told you. And it was not (possible) for any messenger to bring a (miraculous) sign except by God's leave, but when the decree of God comes, judgement will be passed with fairness, and then all the adherents of falsehood will be in utter loss.

79 It is the One (True) God Who made the livestock for you, so that you may ride some of them, and from some you derive food, 80 and you have other benefits in them too; and by means of them you may fulfil your heartfelt need (to reach distant places); they carry you (by land), as ships carry you (on the sea), 81 And (thus) He shows you His wonders. So which of the wonders of God will you (still) deny?

82 Have they not travelled through the land and observed how was the end of those (deniers of the truth who lived) before them? They were more in number than these, and far greater in strength, and left more impressive traces of their power in the land, but all what they had earned did not avail them. 83 When their messengers came to them with the clear evidences, they exulted in what they had of knowledge (from their forefathers and ridiculed the divine knowledge brought to them by messengers), (as a result) they were overwhelmed by what they used to ridicule. 84 But when they saw the punishment (coming from) Us, they cried, 'We (now) come to believe in the One (True) God (that there does not exist any deity except Him); and we reject everything we used to associate with Him' 85 **BUT THEIR ATTAINING TO FAITH, WHEN THEY SAW OUR PUNISHMENT, COULD NOT BENEFIT THEM AT ALL.** This has (always) been God's way (of dealing) with His (wicked) servants, and hence, the deniers of the truth became the losers.

SURAH–41. FUSSILAT

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Haa, Meem. 2 (This is) a revelation from the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. 3 A (heavenly) Book whose messages have been perfectly explained - an Arabic Quran for

those who understand, 4 (bearing) glad tidings and warning, yet most of them turn away, so they do not listen (to its messages).

5 And they say, 'Our hearts are veiled against what you are calling us to; and there is deafness in our ears, and there is a barrier between you and us. So carry on (in your way); behold, we will carry on (in our way).'

6 Say (O prophet), 'I am only a human being like yourselves. But it has been revealed to me that your (True) God is only One God; so seek the straight path towards Him, and seek His forgiveness. **AND WOE TO THOSE WHO ASSOCIATE OTHERS WITH HIM (IN HIS DIVINITY)** 7 who do not spend in charity, it is they who deny the post-death eternal life. 8 But as for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, **FOR THEM THERE IS A NEVER-ENDING REWARD.'**

Note: - None but the True Lord of infinite treasures can give such a promise.

9 **Ask (them, O prophet), 'How can you deny the One Who created the earth in two periods?** And how can you set up equals with Him (in His divinity)? Such is the Sustainer of the universe. 10 For He (it is Who, after creating the earth,) placed firm mountains on it, (towering) above its surface, and showered His (countless) blessings upon it. He ordained (all) its means of sustenance in four equal periods, for (the information of) those who ask.

Note: - This wonderful and meaningful earth can never be outcome of coincidence. The exceptional life support system which our earth has got in the vast universe is undoubtedly an output of wise planning of its Creator. The Creator of such wonderful earth and such vast universe must be All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful.

11 Then He turned to the heaven (i.e. He applied His design to the heaven), when it was all smoke, saying to it and to the earth, 'Submit both of you, willingly or unwillingly. They both responded, 'We submit willingly.' 12 So He formed them into seven heavens in two periods, and imparted to each heaven its function. And We adorned the heaven nearest to the earth with (stars like) lamps for (beauty) and protection; such is the design of the Supremely Mighty, the All-Knower.

13 But if they turn away (from the truth), then say, 'I warn you of a (mighty) blast, like the one that befell (the tribes) of Aad and Thamood.' 14 (That happened) when the messengers had come to them, from before them and behind them (proclaiming this message with all sincerity and clarity)

'WORSHIP NONE BUT (THE ONE TRUE) GOD.'

They answered, 'If our Lord had (really) willed (us to believe in what you say), He could have surely sent down angels (as his messengers). So we totally reject that which you (claim to) have been sent with!'

15 **As for (the tribe of) Aad, they behaved arrogantly in the land without any right and said, 'WHO IS MORE POWERFUL THAN US? DID THEY NOT SEE THAT GOD, WHO CREATED THEM, IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THEM?**

Yet they went on rejecting Our messages. 16 So We sent against them a furious wind for several inauspicious days, to

make them taste the punishment of disgrace in the life of this world, and of course, the punishment of the eternal life after death is much more disgracing (than the punishment of this world), and they will not be helped. 17 And as for (the tribe of) Thamood, **WE GAVE THEM GUIDANCE, BUT THEY PREFERRED BLINDNESS OVER GUIDANCE;** so the blast of humiliating punishment seized them, for what they used to commit.

Note: - In the present life, God has made all necessary arrangements for guiding people to the right path, but man by misusing the freedom - given him for test purpose - prefers blindness over guidance. This is what makes man deserving for the disastrous outcome.

18 And We saved (only) those who had attained to faith and were conscious of Us. 19 And (warn them of) the Day when the enemies of God will be gathered together to the Fire, all driven in ranks (as per the gravity of their sins), 20 until, when they come close to it, their ears and their eyes and their skins will testify against them concerning what they used to do. 21 And they will ask their skins (furiously), 'Why have you testified against us?' Their skins will reply, 'It is God Who made us speak - the One Who makes everything speak. It is He Who created you the first time, and to Him you are (now) brought back. 22 And you could not (bother to) hide yourselves (while committing sins) from your ears, and your eyes, and your skins, to prevent them from testifying against you. Rather, you assumed that God does not know much of what you do. 23 It was that (false) assumption which you entertained about your Lord. It has brought about your ruin, so you have become of the losers.' 24 Now, even if they have patience, the Fire will always be their abode; and if they seek to be allowed to make amends, yet they will not be allowed to do so.

25 We appointed for those (who were bent on denying the truth) such companions who made fair-seeming to them what was before them, and what was behind them (of sin - i.e.

satanic companions made their doings fair-seeming). And (thus) the decree (of punishment) was justified against them as it was justified against those who were among the previous generations of jinn-kind and mankind which had passed away before them. Indeed, they (all) were the losers.

26 Those who are bent on denying the truth say (to one another), 'Do not listen to this Quran, but make noise (when it is recited), so that you may prevail.' 27 But We will surely cause those who are (thus) bent on denying the truth to taste a severe punishment, and We will surely recompense them according to the worst of what they used to do. 28 Such is the recompense of the enemies of God - the Fire; which will be their eternal abode, as a recompense for their rejection of Our messages. 29 Those who (in pre-death life) were bent on denying the truth will (then) cry, **'O OUR LORD! SHOW US THOSE OF JINN BEINGS AND HUMAN BEINGS WHO LED US ASTRAY, WE WILL TRAMPLE THEM UNDER OUR FEET, SO THAT THEY BECOME AMONG THE LOWEST OF THE LOW.**

30 (But,) behold, as for those who say, 'Our Lord is (the One True) God,' and then steadfastly pursue the right path, the angels descend upon them (saying), 'Do not fear, nor grieve, rather rejoice in the glad tidings of Paradise which you were promised. 31 We are your companions in this worldly life, and in the post-death eternal life (too). **AND YOU WILL HAVE THEREIN WHATEVER YOUR SOULS DESIRE, AND YOU WILL HAVE THEREIN WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR** - 32 as a hospitality from (the Lord) Who is Most Forgiving and Most Merciful.

Note: - This is an introduction of the Paradise. No doubt Paradise is an eternal hospitality from the One - Who is the Lord of infinite treasures.

With God there is an endless sea of each and every boon. When one discovers Him, and leads his life according to His guidance, will he be deprived of the boons? No, absolutely not, he will get whatever he desires.

33 Whose words can be better than one who calls (people) to God, and does righteous deeds, and says, 'Indeed, I am of those who have submitted themselves to God?'

34 **GOOD AND EVIL CANNOT NOT BE EQUAL, REPEL (EVIL) WITH WHAT IS BETTER; THEN YOU WILL SEE THAT THE ONE WHO WAS ONCE YOUR ENEMY HAS BECOME YOUR DEAREST FRIEND,** 35 but no one will be granted such goodness, except those who exercise patience (and self-restraint), no one is granted it except those who are truly fortunate. 36 And if an incitement (i.e. a distracting thought) comes to you from Satan, then seek refuge with God. Indeed, He (alone) is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing. 37 And among His signs are the night and the day, as well as the sun and the moon; **(HENCE,) DO NOT PROSTRATE TO THE SUN, NOR TO THE MOON, BUT PROSTRATE TO (THE ONE TRUE) GOD - WHO CREATED THEM (ALL), IF YOU (TRULY) WORSHIP HIM (ALONE).**

38 But if they are too proud (to do so), then (let them know that) those who are nearest your Lord (i.e. angels) extol His (infinite) glory by night and by day, without ever tiring.

39 And among His signs is that you see the earth devoid of life, but as soon as We send down rain upon it, it begins to stir and swells (with life)! **INDEED, THE ONE WHO GIVES LIFE TO DEAD EARTH, CAN EASILY GIVE LIFE TO DEAD (PEOPLE AS WELL); FOR, BEHOLD, HE IS EVER-POWERFUL OVER EVERYTHING.** 40 Indeed, those who distort the meanings of Our messages (taking them out of context) are not hidden from Us. So, (tell me) which one is better: the one who is thrown into the Fire, or the one who will come safely on the Day of Resurrection? Do whatever you wish, indeed, He sees all that you do. 41 Indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth of this Reminder when it comes to them (- it is they who are the losers), for, behold, it is truly an invincible Book. 42 No untruth can ever approach it - from the front or from behind; it is a revelation from the One - (Who is) Supremely Wise, Ever-Praiseworthy. 43 (And as for you, O prophet,) nothing is said to you (by the deniers of the truth) but what was already said to all (of God's) messengers before you. Behold, your Lord is indeed full of forgiveness (for those who turn to Him in repentance), but also Severe in punishment (for those who persist in denial of the truth).

44 And if We had revealed it as a non-Arabic Quran, they (i.e. Arabic speakers who deny it) would have certainly argued, 'Why is it that its messages have not been clearly explained (in our Language)? What! A non-Arabic message for an Arab (audience)!' Say, 'It is a guidance and (a source of spiritual) healing to those who believe; but as for those who do not believe, there is deafness in their ears (for the truth), and they are blind (of mind) with regard to it. It is as if they are being called from a far-off place.'

45 Indeed, We had given Moses the Scripture, but differences arose regarding it. Had it not been for a prior decree from your Lord (that He would delay their judgement until the Hereafter), their differences would have been settled (at once).

But behold, they (who do not believe in this divine Book) are surely in disquieting doubt about it. 46 **Whoever does good, then it is for his own good; and whoever does evil, does so to his own loss, and never does God do the least wrong to (His) servants.**

PART – 25 47 With Him (alone) is the knowledge of the Hour. No fruit comes out of its husk, nor does any female ever conceive or give birth without His knowledge. **AND (BE MINDFUL OF) THE DAY HE WILL CALL TO THEM, 'WHERE, NOW, ARE THOSE (SO-CALLED) PARTNERS OF MINE?' THEY WILL CRY, 'WE CONFESS TO YOU THAT NONE OF US CAN BEAR WITNESS (TO ANYONE'S HAVING A SHARE IN YOUR DIVINITY)!'** 48 And whatever they used to invoke earlier will be lost from them, and they will know for certain that there is no escape for them.

49 Man never tires of asking for good; but if evil touches him, he abandons all hope and is lost in despair. 50 But if We let him taste a mercy from Us, after being touched with adversity, he will surely say, 'This is but my due. I do not think that the Last Hour will ever come; (and if it in fact comes,) and if I am returned to my Lord, I will surely have with Him the best (reward).' But (on the Day of the judgement) We will surely inform the deniers of the truth of what they used to do, and We will surely make them taste a severe torment.

51 When We bestow Our blessing upon human being, he avoids (to appreciate it) and distances himself (from Us); but when evil touches him, he makes lengthy supplications. 52 Ask (them), 'Have you ever thought, if this Quran is truly from God, yet you deny its truth: who can be more astray than one who has gone too far in opposition (to the truth)?' 53 **WE WILL SHOW THEM OUR SIGNS IN THE UNIVERSE AND WITHIN THEIR OWN SELVES,**

UNTIL IT BECOMES CLEAR TO THEM THAT THIS QURAN IS THE TRUTH (FROM THEIR LORD). Is it not enough that your Lord is Ever-Present Witness over everything? 54 Now surely they are in doubt about (their) meeting with their Lord, (but the fact is that) He truly encompasses everything.

SURAH–42. ASH-SHOORAA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Haa, Meem. 2 Ayn, Seen, Qaaf. 3 This is how God - the Supremely Mighty, the Supremely Wise, reveals the message (of the truth) to you (O prophet), (as He revealed) to those (messengers) before you. 4 To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth, and He is the Ever-Exalted, the Ever-Magnificent. 5 The heavens above them almost burst apart (in awe of Him), while the angels glorify the praises of their Lord, and seek forgiveness for those on earth. Indeed, God alone is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful. 6 As for those who take others as protectors besides Him, God is Ever-Watchful over them, and you are not accountable for their conduct. 7 And thus We have revealed to you an Arabic Quran, so that you may warn (the inhabitants of) the Mother of the towns (i.e. Makkah), and everyone around it, and warn them of the Day of Gathering, about which there is no doubt; (when) a group will be in Paradise, and the other in the blazing Fire.

8 And if God had so willed, He could have easily made all (humanity) into a single community (of believers), but He admits whom He wills into His grace. And the evildoers will have no protector or helper (on the Day of Judgement). 9 How can they take protectors other than Him? But God alone is the Protector (of all that exists), since it is He (alone) Who brings the dead to life. And He (alone) is Ever-Powerful over everything. 10 And whatever you may differ about, its judgement rests with God. (Say, therefore,) 'Such is God, my (true) Lord, in Him I have placed my trust, and to Him (alone) I always turn!'

11 (He is) the Originator of the heavens and the earth. He has made for you spouses of your own kind, and pairs of livestock; by which He causes you to multiply. **THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY THING LIKE HIM, FOR HE (ALONE) IS THE ALL-HEARING, THE ALL-SEEING.**

Note: - Each and every existing thing apart from His Own Existence is creation. It is only Creator Who is Self-Existent, Ever-Existent. That is why He is above time and space. Time and space are also His creations.

His qualities can be described, but His existence can never be compared or measured through the criteria of time and space. This is the reason He is not like anyone or anything. He is above each and every created being.

12 To Him belong the keys of (the treasures of) the heavens and the earth. He grants abundant sustenance, or gives it in scant measure, to whomever He wills. (For,) behold, He has full knowledge of everything.

13 **(O believers!) God has prescribed for you the same religion which He had enjoined upon Noah, and that which We have revealed to you (O prophet), and that which We had enjoined upon Abraham, and Moses, and Jesus, (commanding,) 'Uphold steadfastly the (true) faith, and do not be divided therein.'** What you are calling to is unbearable upon those who associate others with God (in His divinity); God chooses to Himself whomever He wills, and guides to Himself whoever turns (to Him).

14 And (as for the followers of earlier divine Book) they did not split up (into sects), except after the knowledge (of the truth) had come to them, out of mutual jealousy. And had it not

been for a prior decree from your Lord for an appointed term, the matter would have certainly been settled between them (at once). Behold, those who inherited the Book after them are indeed in disquieting doubt about it.

15 So call people to that faith and hold fast to it yourself as you are commanded, and do not follow their desires, but say, 'I believe in whatever revelation God has sent down, and I have been commanded to do justice between you. (The One True) God is our Lord as well as your Lord. We will be accountable for our deeds and you for yours. Let there be no (further) argument between us and you; God will gather us together, and to Him is the final return. 16 And as for those who would (still) argue about God after He has already been acknowledged (by many), all their arguments are null and void in their Lord's sight, and His wrath will fall upon them; and there will be a severe punishment for them.

17 It is God Who has sent down the Book with the truth, and (also) the Balance (wherewith to weigh right and wrong). How could you know that perhaps the Last Hour is near? 18 Those who do not believe in it (ask to) hasten it (mockingly), but those who believe in it are apprehensive about it, and they know for sure that it is the truth. Absolutely, those who dispute concerning the Last Hour have gone far astray!

19 God is Ever-Kind to His servants; He provides sustenance (abundantly) to whomever He wills; (for) He (alone) is the All-Powerful, the Supreme in might. 20

WHOEVER SEEKS THE HARVEST OF THE ETERNAL WORLD, WE INCREASE FOR HIM HIS HARVEST. AND WHOEVER SEEKS (ONLY) THE HARVEST OF THIS WORLD, WE GIVE HIM SOME OF IT, BUT HE WILL HAVE NO SHARE IN THE (BLESSINGS OF) ETERNAL WORLD.

21 Or is it that they have associate-deities who have prescribed for them a religion that is not sanctioned by God? Had it not been for a prior decisive decree, the matter would have certainly been settled between them (at once). And of course, for the evildoers there is a painful punishment. 22 (In the post-death eternal world) you will see the evildoers apprehensive about what they have earned, for (now) it is bound to fall back upon them. **Whereas those who have attained to faith and done righteous deeds will be in the lush Gardens (of Paradise). They will have whatever they desire with their Lord. That is (truly) the greatest bounty.** 23 That is the glad tidings that God gives to His servants who attain to faith and do righteous deeds. Say (O prophet), 'I do not ask you for any recompense (for this message), except honour because of our kinship. And whoever earns any good, We will increase for him good therein. Indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Ever-Responsive to gratitude.

24 Or, is it that they say, 'He has fabricated a lie about God?' But if God had so willed, He could have sealed up your heart (forever). God eliminates untruth and establishes the truth by His words. Indeed, He (alone) has full knowledge of what is (hidden) in the hearts (of people). 25 It is He Who accepts repentance from His servants, and pardons sins, and He knows all that you do. 26 And He responds to (the supplication of) those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds; and (it is He Who, in the post-death eternal life) will give them, out of His bounty, much more (than they will have deserved), whereas for the deniers of the truth, there will be a severe punishment.

27 And if God had granted abundant sustenance to (all of) His servants (in this world), they (all) would have certainly transgressed on earth; but He sends down (His grace) in due measure as He wills, for, indeed, He is fully Aware of (the needs of) His servants and sees them all. 28 It is He Who sends down rain after (people) have given up hope, and spreads His

grace. He (alone) is (their) Protector, the One to Whom all praise (and gratitude) is due. 29 And of His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and all the living beings - He dispersed throughout both. (Since He created them,) He has (also) the power to gather them (to Himself) whenever He wills.

30 And whatever affliction befalls you is because of what your own hands have committed, although He pardons much (of your faults). 31 And you can never escape (Him) on earth, and will not have anyone to protect you from God (in the eternal life), nor will you have any helper.

32 And of His signs are the ships, sailing in the sea like (floating) mountains. 33 If He (so) wills, He can cause the wind to become still, leaving the ships motionless on the surface (of the sea). Behold, there are (messageful) signs in this for everyone who is wholly steadfast and (deeply) grateful. 34 Or He can wreck the ships for what the people have committed; though He pardons much. 35 And those who dispute concerning Our messages will come to know that there is no place of refuge for them.

36 **SO (ALWAYS KEEP THIS FACT IN MIND THAT) WHATEVER (PLEASURE) YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN IS (NO MORE THAN) A (FLEETING) ENJOYMENT OF THIS WORLDLY LIFE; WHEREAS WHAT IS WITH GOD IS FAR BETTER AND MORE LASTING FOR THOSE WHO ATTAIN TO FAITH AND PUT THEIR TRUST IN THEIR LORD,** 37 who avoid the major sins and the immoral deeds; and whenever they are angered, they forgive; 38 who respond to (the call of) their Lord, and keep up the prayer, and conduct their affairs by mutual consultation; and spend (in God's cause) out of what We have provided for them; 39 and who - whenever an oppressive wrong is done to them - they defend themselves. 40 But (keep this in mind that) the retribution of harm is its equivalent harm, but

whoever pardons (his foe) and seeks reconciliation, then his reward rests with God; (for) indeed, He does not like the evildoers. 41 But whoever defends himself after having been wronged, then there is no blame on such people. 42 Blame, in fact, attaches (only) to those who oppress people, and behave insolently in the land without right. It is they who will have a painful punishment. 43 But whoever endures patiently and forgives - it is indeed a matter of great resolve.

44 And whoever God lets go astray, then he has no protector after Him. And you will see the evildoers, when they see the torment, pleading, 'Is there any way to go back (to the pre-death world)?' 45 And you will see them being exposed to (the Fire) in a state of abject humiliation, looking (around) with a stealthy glance. And those who had attained to faith will say, 'The (true) losers are those who have lost themselves and their families on the Day of Judgement. Indeed, the evildoers will suffer an everlasting torment. 46 And they will have no protectors to help them against God; and whom God lets go astray, for him there is no way (to the success).

47 (Hence, O man!) Respond to your Lord before the coming of a Day which cannot be averted (against God's will). You will have no place of refuge on that Day, nor will you be able to deny (the sins that you have done). 48 But if they turn away (from the truth, O prophet, know that) We have not sent you to be their guardian, you are not bound to do more than deliver the message (entrusted to you). And behold, whenever We let man taste a mercy from Us, he becomes prideful (because) of it. But when evil afflicts them for what their hands have sent ahead, then, behold, man becomes totally ungrateful.

49 To (the One True) God (alone) belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. He creates whatever He wills. He grants to whom He wills daughters, and grants to whom He wills sons, 50 or He grants both - sons and daughters, to whom He wills; and causes to be barren to whom He wills; (for) indeed, He (alone) is All-Knowing, Infinite in His power.

51 It is not (possible) for a human being that God should speak to him, except through revelation, or from behind a veil, or by sending an angel-messenger, to reveal whatever He wills in accordance with His leave. Indeed, He is Exalted, Supremely Wise. 52 And thus We have sent to you (O prophet) a revelation by Our command. (Before this message came to you,) you did not know what the (heavenly) Book is, nor what faith (implies), but (now) We have made it (i.e. the Quran) a light (of the truth) by which We guide whom We will of our servants. And you are truly guiding (people) to the straight path - 53 the path that leads to (the One True) God, to Whom belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Indeed, to God all matters (finally) return (for judgement).

SURAH–43. AZ-ZUKHRUF

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Haa, Meem. 2 By the Book with clear (message of the truth), 3 behold, We have made it an Arabic Quran, so that you may encompass it with your reason. 4 And indeed, it is in the Mother of the Book with Us (i.e. the source of all divine Books), highly esteemed and full of wisdom.

5 (O you who deny the truth!) Shall We then withdraw this Reminder from you (altogether), (simply) because you are a transgressing people? 6 And how many prophets We sent to the earlier peoples! 7 But whenever a prophet came to them, they always mocked at him. 8 And so, (in the end,) We destroyed those (deniers of the truth, even though they) were far mightier than these (Makkans), and the example of the earlier peoples has already passed.

9 And if you ask them, 'Who created the heavens and the earth?' They will surely answer, 'The Supremely Mighty, the All-Knower created them.' 10 (It is He) Who spread out the earth for you, and made therein pathways for you, so that you may find your way. 11 (It is He) Who sends down rain from the sky in due measure, with which We give life to dead land; thus you will be brought forth (from the dead). 12 And (It is He)

Who created all things in pairs, and provided you with ships and animals on which you ride, 13 so that you may sit firmly on their backs, then remember the blessings of your Lord when you have mounted upon them and say, 'All Glory be to Him Who has subjected these for us, for we could have never subdued them on our own. 14 And it is to our Lord that we will surely return.' 15 Yet they ascribe to Him some of His servants as offspring (i.e. as a part of Him). Indeed, man is clearly ungrateful! 16 Or is it that He has taken for Himself daughters from what He has created, and chosen you for (having) sons? 17 And when one of them is given the tidings (of the birth) of very thing (i.e. a female child) which he himself ascribes to the Most Gracious, his face darkens, as he suppresses his rage. 18 Or (do they ascribe to God) one who is brought up in ornaments (i.e. who is brought up to be beautiful), and who cannot present a clear argument in disputes. 19 And they claim that angels, who are servants of the Most Gracious, are females. Did they witness their creation? This (false) claim of theirs will be recorded, and they will be called to account (for it on the Day of Judgement).

20 Yet they argue, 'If the Most Gracious had (so) willed, we would have never worshipped them (i.e. false deities)!' They do not have any knowledge about that (i.e. about God's plan). They do nothing but lie. 21 Or have We given them a (heavenly) Book before this (Quran), so they are adhering to it? 22 Nay, but they say, 'Behold, we found our forefathers upon a religion (i.e. upon a certain course), and indeed, it is in their footsteps that we find our guidance!' 23 And similarly, whenever We sent a messenger before you to warn (the inhabitants of) a town, the affluent among them would say, 'Behold, we found our forefathers upon a religion (i.e. upon a certain course), and surely, it is but in their footsteps that we follow!' 24 (Whereupon each warner) would ask, 'Why, even if I bring you a guidance better than what you found your forefathers practicing?' (To which) they would reply, 'We totally reject whatever you have been sent with!' 25 So We took

retribution from them, then see how was the end of those who gave the lie to the truth!

26 And (remember) when Abraham said to his father and his people, 'Indeed, I disown all that you worship (i.e. the worship of false deities). 27 None (do I worship) except the One Who brought me into being, and behold, it is He Who will guide me!' 28 And he left this enduring declaration (i.e. the ideology of the truth) among his decedents, so that they may (always) turn back (to God). 29 However, I allowed these (Makkans) to enjoy (their lives), as (I had allowed) their forefathers, until there came to them the truth and a messenger making things clear. 30 But when the truth came to them, they said, 'This is sorcery, and behold, we deny that there is any truth in it!'

31 And they say, 'Why was this Quran not sent down to a great man from one of the two towns?' 32 Is it they who distribute the mercy of your Lord? It is We Who distribute among them their livelihood in this worldly life, and We raise some of them above others in ranks, so that some of them may employ others in service. But the grace of your Lord is far better than what they amass. 33 And if it were not that all people might (be tempted to) become a single community (of deniers of the truth), We would have given all those who deny the Most Gracious, the homes of silver roofs, and (silver) stairways to ascend, 34 as well as (silver) doors to their homes, and (silver) couches on which to recline, 35 **and also adornments of gold, yet all this is no more than a (fleeting) enjoyment of the life of this world. But (true happiness of) the eternal life is (only) for God-conscious with your Lord.**

36 But as for anyone who chooses to remain blind to the remembrance of the Most Gracious, We appoint for him a devil (i.e. ever-vicious one), to be his close associate, 37 and these

evil-ones will certainly hinder such people from the path (of the truth), while they (i.e. the misguided ones) think that they are (rightly) guided. 38 But when such a person comes to Us (on the Day of Judgement), he will say (to his devil associate), 'Oh, would that between me and you there were the distance of east and west! What a terrible associate (you were)!' 39 (On that Day such people will be told,) 'Since you all did wrong, it will never console you Today that you are sharing the punishment with each other.'

40 Then can you make the deaf hear, or show the right path to the blind (of mind) or he who is lost in clear error? 41 And even if We take you away (from this world), We will surely inflict Our retribution upon them, 42 or (if) We show you that We have warned them of, for We certainly have full power over them! 43 So hold fast to what is revealed to you, for you are indeed on the straight path. 44 And this (Quran) is certainly a reminder for you, and your people; and you will soon be called to account. 45 And ask (the followers of) Our messengers whom We sent before you 'Did We ever appoint deities to be worshipped besides the Most Gracious?'

46 Indeed, We sent Moses with Our (messageful) signs to Pharaoh and his chiefs (i.e. courtiers); and he said, 'Behold, I am a messenger of the Lord of the universe.' 47 But when he came to them with Our (messageful) signs, behold! They ridiculed them (i.e. Our signs), 48 even though each sign We showed them was greater than the previous one, (ultimately) We seized them through torments, so that they might return (to the right path). 49 Then they pleaded 'O you sorcerer! Pray for us to your Lord by virtue of the covenant He has made with you; we will certainly accept guidance.' 50 But when We removed the affliction from them, at once they broke their word (and persisted in denial of the truth).

51 And Pharaoh called out to his people; he said, 'O my people! Does not the kingdom of Egypt belong to me, and all these streams flowing at my feet? Can you not then see (that I am your lord)? 52 Am I not better than this contemptible man,

who can hardly express himself clearly? 53 Why then have no golden bracelets (of kingship) been granted to him, or why have no angels come with him as escorts?' 54 Thus Pharaoh befooled (and misled) his people, and they obeyed him. They were indeed a rebellious people. 55 But when they enraged Us (i.e. they continued to challenge Us), We took retribution from them, drowning them all. 56 Thus We made them a precedent (i.e. a thing of past), and an example to those who would come after them.

57 And when the son of Mary was cited as an example (in argument), behold! Your people raised a clamour at it (in ridicule). 58 And they exclaimed, 'Are our deities better, or Jesus?' They cite him only to argue. In fact, they are a contentious people. 59 **(AS FOR JESUS,) HE WAS NO MORE THAN (A HUMAN BEING) - A SERVANT (OF OURS) WHOM WE HAD BESTOWED OUR FAVOUR (I.E. PROPHETHOOD), AND WE MADE HIM AN EXAMPLE FOR THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.** 60 And if We had (so) willed, We could have easily replaced you (all) with angels, succeeding one another on earth. 61 And behold, this (divine Book) is indeed a knowledge of the Hour. Therefore have no doubt about it, and follow Me: (for) this is the straight path, 62 and never let Satan hinder you (from it), for he is truly your sworn enemy.

63 And when Jesus came (to his people) with clear evidence of the truth, he said, 'I have now come to you with wisdom, and to make clear to you some of what you differ about; hence, be conscious of God, and obey me.' 64 **(Jesus said,) 'Indeed, (the One True) God is my Lord and your Lord, so worship (none but) Him, this (alone) is the straight path.'**

65 But the factions differed among themselves (about Jesus), so woe to those who are bent on evildoing when they face the torment of a painful Day. 66 Are they (who are lost in sin) but waiting for the Last Hour to come upon them all of sudden, without their being aware (of its approach)? 67 On that Day, (past) close-friends will become enemies to each other, except for the God-conscious. 68 (To Whom God will say,) 'O servants of Mine! There is no fear for you Today, nor will you grieve - 69 (O you) who attained to faith in Our messages, and (fully) submitted yourselves (to Us)! 70 Enter Paradise you and your spouses rejoicing (in bliss).' 71 (And there) will be circulated among them - trays and cups of gold (full of God's gifts). And there will be all that their souls desire and (that) delights their eyes, and you will abide therein forever (O you who have attained to faith). 72 And that is the Paradise which you are made to inherit for what you used to do. 73 For you there are fruits in abundance, from which you will eat.

74 (But,) behold, they who are lost in sin will abide in the torment of Hell forever; 75 it will never be lightened for them; and there they will be overwhelmed with (utter) despair. 76 And it is not We Who wronged them, but it was they who used to wrong themselves. 77 And they will cry out, 'O chief keeper of Hell! Let your Lord put an end to us.' (Whereupon) he will reply, 'Indeed, you will have to live on (in this state).' 78 (O you sinners,) We had certainly brought the truth to you; but most of you were resentful of the truth. 79 Or have they devised (some evil) plan? Then We (too) are surely devising (a plan). 80 Or do they think that We do not hear their secret (talks) and their private counsels? Yes, (indeed, We do!) And Our angel-messengers are with them recording (everything).

81 **SAY (O PROPHET), 'IF THE MOST GRACIOUS (TRULY) HAD A SON, I WOULD BE THE FIRST TO WORSHIP HIM!'** 82 All Glory be to the Sustainer of

the heavens and the earth, the Sustainer of the Throne (of the dominion of the universe), (Exalted is He) far above what they ascribe (to Him). 83 So leave them alone to indulge in falsehood and amuse themselves until they face their Day, which they are warned of (i.e. the Day of Judgement). 84 **(For, then, they will come to know that) it is He Who is (the Only) God in the heavens, and (the Only) God on the earth,** and (that) He is the Supreme in wisdom, the All-Knower. 85 And Blessed is He to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and all that is between them! With Him (alone) is the knowledge of the Hour, and to Him you will all be returned.

86 But those (beings) whom they invoke besides (the One True) God have no power of intercession; except those who bear witness to the truth on the basis of knowledge. 87 And if you ask those (who worship any being other than the One True God) as to Who it is that created them, they will surely answer, 'God!' How can they then be deluded (from the truth)? 88 (But God has full knowledge of the true believer) and of his (despairing) cry, 'O my Lord! Truly, these are a people who do not believe.' 89 So bear with them and say, 'Peace (be upon you)!' (For) they will soon come to know (the truth).

SURAH–44. AD-DUKHAAN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Haa, Meem. 2 By the Book with clear (message of the truth)! 3 Indeed, We sent it down on a blessed night. For We have always been warning (mankind). 4 On that night every matter of wisdom is allocated 5 by Our command, for We have always sent (messengers) 6 as a grace from your Lord (to man). Indeed, He (alone) is All-Hearing, All-Knowing - 7 the Sustainer of the heavens and the earth and everything in between, if you (but) have sure faith.

8 THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM (I.E. EXCEPT THE ONE TRUE GOD); HE (ALONE) GIVES LIFE AND CAUSES DEATH - HE IS YOUR LORD, AND THE LORD OF YOUR FOREFATHERS.

9 No indeed, but they (who lack inner certainty) are but playing about in their doubts. 10 Wait, then, for the Day when the sky will bring forth plainly visible (clouds of) smoke, 11 that will envelop mankind. This will be a painful torment. 12 (Then people will cry out,) 'O our Lord! Remove (this) torment from us, (now,) we will certainly believe!' 13 (But) how can they benefit from admonition, when there had come to them a messenger clearly explaining (the message of the truth)? 14 Then they turned away from him and said, 'He is a madman, taught (by others)!' 15 Indeed, if We were to remove the torment (from you) for a while, you would still revert (to the denial of the truth). 16 On the Day when We seize (all sinners) with the greatest seizure, We will surely take retribution.

17 And We had already tried before them the people of Pharaoh, and there came to them a noble messenger (i.e. Moses) - 18 (who said,) 'Hand over God's servants to me. Behold, I am a trustworthy messenger to you. 19 And do not exalt yourselves against God, (for,) indeed, I have come to you with clear authority. 20 And behold, I seek refuge with my Lord and your Lord, lest you stone me (to death). 21 But if you do not believe in me, then (at least) keep away from me.'

22 (But when they beset him with their enmity,) then he cried out to his Lord, 'These are indeed a sinful people.' 23 Then (God said,) 'Set out with My servants by night, for you will certainly be pursued; 24 (cross) and leave the sea parted, for they are certainly a host bound to drown!' 25 (And so they

were destroyed, imagine) how many gardens and springs the tyrants left behind, 26 and fields of grain and splendid mansions, 27 and luxuries they used to rejoice therein! 28 Such was (their end)! And (then) We made another people heirs (to what they had left). 29 Neither sky, nor earth wept for them, nor were they given any respite.

30 Thus did We save the children of Israel from the humiliating torment 31 (inflicted on them) by Pharaoh. He was indeed arrogant who transgressed all bounds. 32 And indeed, We chose them (i.e. the children of Israel) by (Our) knowledge over all other people, 33 and We gave them such signs in which there was a clear trial.

34 (Yet,) behold, these (deniers of the truth) say, 35 'There is nothing beyond our first death, and we will never be resurrected, 36 then bring back our forefathers, if what you claim is true!' 37 Are they superior to the people of Tubba and those who were before them? We destroyed them (all), for they were (truly) lost in (the same) sin. 38 **WE DID NOT CREATE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH AND WHATEVER IS BETWEEN THEM FOR AMUSEMENT.**

Note: - It is obvious fact that the universe in which we live is a meaningful universe. It has been created purposefully, that is why its end cannot be meaningless.

39 We did not create them (i.e. the heavens and the earth) except for a true purpose; but most of them do not understand it. 40 Indeed, the Day of Judgement is an appointed term for all of them. 41 The Day when no friend will avail another in the least, nor will they be helped, 42 except those to whom God bestows (His) grace, (for,) indeed, He is the Supremely Mighty, the Most Merciful.

43 Indeed, (in the eternal life) the tree of deadly fruit (zaqqum) 44 will be the food of the sinful, 45 like molten metal, it will boil in (their) bellies, 46 like the boiling of scalding

water. 47 (It will be commanded,) 'Seize him and drag him into the depths of the Hellfire. 48 Then pour over his head the torment of scalding water.' 49 (The wicked will be told,) 'Taste it! Indeed, (you used to consider yourself) so mighty, so noble (in pre-death life)! 50 Indeed, this is the very thing which you (deniers of the truth) used to doubt.'

51 (Whereas) the God-conscious will indeed be in a place free from all fear, 52 amidst Gardens and Springs, 53 wearing (garments of) fine silk and rich brocade, and (they will be seated) facing one another. 54 Thus will be (the life of inhabitants of Paradise), and We will marry them to maidens with gorgeous eyes. 55 There they will call for every (kind) of fruit, in (the atmosphere of perfect) peace and security. 56 **There they will never taste death except the first death (of worldly life).** And God will protect them from the torment of the Hellfire - 57 as an act of grace from your Lord. That is (truly) the ultimate success. 58 Indeed, We have made this Quran easy to understand, in your own language, so that they may take heed. 59 So wait (O prophet), indeed they too are waiting!

SURAH–45. AL-JAATHIYAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Haa, Meem. 2 The revelation of this Book is from God, the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 3 Behold, in the heavens and the earth, there are surely (messageful) signs for all who (are willing to) believe. 4 And in your own creation, and whatever living beings He dispersed, are (messageful) signs for those who are endowed with inner certainty (in regard to faith); 5 and in the alternation of the night and the day, and in the provision which God sends down from the sky, and gives life thereby to the earth after it had been lifeless, and (in His) directing of the winds, there are signs for those who use their reason. 6 These are the messages of God which We recite to

you, to set forth the truth. **THEN, IN WHICH MESSAGE, WILL THEY BELIEVE AFTER (DENYING) GOD AND HIS REVELATIONS?**

7 Woe to every sinful liar! 8 Who hears God's messages when they are conveyed to him, and yet persists in arrogance, as if he did not hear them. So give him tidings of a painful punishment. 9 And when he comes to know anything of Our messages, he takes them in ridicule. For such people, there will be a humiliating punishment. 10 Awaiting them is Hell; and all that they had earned (in the worldly life) will not avail them in anything, nor will those whom they took besides (the One True) God as protectors; and they will have a tremendous punishment. 11 (No doubt!) This Quran is (true) guidance. And those who are bent on denying the truth of their Lord's messages will suffer the (worst) torment of agonizing pain.

12 It is God Who has made the sea subservient (to His laws, so that it be of use) to you, so that the ships may sail through it at His command, and that you may seek (to obtain what you need) of His bounty, and that you may be grateful (towards Him). 13 **And He has made subservient to you whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth - all by His grace. Behold, there are (messageful) signs in this for those who reflect!**

Note: - The Creator and Master of the universe has subjected everything for mankind, that is why it has become possible for man to discover and utilize the potentials existing in the universe. This law of subjection is applied to all living and non-living beings. Due to this law man gets various services from living and non-living beings. No living or non-living being is getting services from man. Cows and buffalos give

their best to man which they have, honey bees give their best to man which they have, but man does not give his best to other animals which he has. In addition to these boons, all discoveries have become possible for human being due to this law of subjection. These all gifts and boons demand human being to be truly grateful towards the Creator and Master of the universe Who has given all things in service to human being through His law of subjection.

14 Say (O prophet,) to those who have attained to faith that they should ignore those who do not believe in the coming of the days of God; (since it is) for Him (alone) to requite people for whatever they have done. 15 Whoever does a righteous deed, then it is for his own good; and whoever does evil, then it is to his own loss. Then to your Lord you will all be brought back.

16 Indeed, We gave the children of Israel the (divine) Book, and the wisdom, and the prophethood; and provided for them sustenance out of the good things, and favoured them over all other people. 17 We gave them clear commandments in the matter (of their faith). It was only after knowledge had come to them that they differed among themselves, out of mutual jealousy. Surely, your Lord will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning their differences. 18 Then We have set you on a clear path concerning the matter (of faith); so follow it, and do not follow the desires of those who do not know (the truth). 19 Indeed, they can never avail you against God in the least. Indeed, the wrongdoers are (friends and) protectors of one another; whereas God is Protector of all who are conscious of Him. 20 This Quran is an enlightenment for mankind, and a guidance, and grace for those who are certain in faith.

21 Or do those who commit evil deeds (simply) think that We will make them equal to those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, in this life and after their death? Evil is what they judge! 22 (For,) God created the heavens and the earth with the true (purpose), so that every human being may be

recompensed for what he (or she) has earned, and they will never be wronged.

23 Have you ever seen (the type of man) who makes his own desires his deity, and whom God has (thereupon) let go astray despite having knowledge (i.e. although he had knowledge of guidance), and has sealed up his hearing and his heart (i.e. his mind), and upon his sight He has placed a veil? Who, then, could guide him after God (has abandoned him)? Will you not then take admonition?

24 And they say, 'There is nothing beyond our worldly life; we die, others are born. And nothing but time destroys us.' (But the fact is that) they have no knowledge (in support) of this (claim). They do nothing but speculate. 25 And whenever Our messages are conveyed to them in all their clarity, their only argument is to say: 'Bring (back) our forefathers, if what you say is true!' 26 Say, 'It is God Who gives you life, then causes you to die; and then (in the end) He will gather you all on the Day of Resurrection, (the coming of) which there is no doubt. But most people do not understand it.

27 To God (alone) belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. On the Day the Hour will be established, the adherents of falsehood will be in total loss. 28 And (on that Day) you will see every community kneeling down (in humility); every community will be summoned to its record (of deeds). (They all will be told,) 'Today you will be recompensed for whatever you used to do. 29 This record of Ours speaks the truth about you. For We used to get recorded (by Our angel-messengers) all that you used to do.'

30 So as for those who attained to faith and did righteous deeds, their Lord will admit them into His grace - that is (truly) the absolute success. 31 But as for those who were bent on

denying the truth, (they will be asked,) 'Were My messages not conveyed to you? Yet you behaved arrogantly, and became people lost in sin.' 32 And whenever it was said (to you), 'Behold, God's promise (of Judgement) is true, and there is no doubt about the coming of the Last Hour.' You would (mockingly) answer, 'We do not know what the Last Hour is, we think it is no more than an empty guess, and (so) we are not convinced (that it will ever come).'

33 And (on that Day,) the evil (consequences) of their evil doings will become apparent to them, and they will be overwhelmed by the very thing they used to ridicule. 34 And it will be said, 'Today We will neglect you, as you neglected the meeting of this Day of yours! And so your abode is the Fire, and for you there are no helpers at all. 35 **THAT IS BECAUSE YOU TOOK THE MESSAGES OF GOD IN RIDICULE, AND WERE DELUDED BY THE WORLDLY LIFE.'** So (from) that Day (on) they will not be brought out of the Fire, nor will they be allowed to make amends.

36 SO ALL PRAISE (AND GRATITUDE) IS FOR (THE ONE TRUE) GOD (ALONE) - LORD OF THE HEAVENS, AND LORD OF THE EARTH - LORD OF THE (ENTIRE) UNIVERSE! 37 AND HIS ALONE IS ALL MAJESTY IN THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH; HE ALONE IS THE SUPREME IN MIGHT, THE SUPREME IN WISDOM.'

PART – 26 SURAH–46. AL-AHQAAF

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Haa, Meem. 2 The revelation of this Book is from God, the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 3 We did not create the heavens and the earth and all that is between them except for a true purpose, and for an appointed term. Yet they

who are bent on denying the truth turn away from what they are warned of.

4 Ask (them, O prophet), 'Have you (really ever) thought what you invoke besides (the One True) God? Show me what these (beings) have created from the earth, or do they have any share in (the creation of) the heavens? Bring me a Book (revealed) before this (Quran), or some traces of knowledge, if what you say is true! 5 **AND WHO COULD BE MORE ASTRAY THAN HIM WHO INVOKES OTHERS, INSTEAD OF (THE ONE TRUE) GOD - OTHERS THAT CANNOT RESPOND TO THE INVOKER UNTIL THE DAY OF RESURRECTION, AND THEY (IN FACT) ARE UNAWARE OF THE INVOCATIONS OF SUCH PEOPLE?**

Note: - In this verse of the Quran, it is made clear that those who invoke dead Babas at Dargah, or so-called Avatars, or any Fakir, or any Saint can never perceive their invocation, let alone responding the invokers.

6 And when such people will be gathered together (on the Day of Judgement), they (who were invoked) will be enemies to them (i.e. enemies of the worshippers), and they will (utterly) disown their worship.

7 And whenever Our messages are conveyed to them in all their clarity, they who are bent on denying the truth speak thus about the truth when it comes to them, 'This is (nothing but) clear sorcery.' 8 Or do they say, 'He (i.e. Muhammad) has fabricated this (Quran)?' Say (O prophet), 'If I did so, then you would not be able to do the least help to me against God. He is fully Aware of what you utter concerning it. He is Sufficient as a Witness between you and me, and He (alone) is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful.'

9 Say, 'I am not the first of (God's) messengers, nor do I know what will be done with me, or with you. I only follow what is revealed to me, and I am not but a clear warner.

10 Say, 'Have you (ever) thought, if this Quran is (truly) from God, and yet you deny its truth, (at the same time) a witness from among the children of Israel has testified to the like of it (i.e. to the earlier Scripture), and believed in it, whereas (O) you (Makkans) persist in your arrogance (and reject this message)? Indeed, God does not guide the evildoing people.

11 But those who are bent on denying the truth say of those who have attained to faith, 'If there had (truly) been anything good (in this message), they would not have believed in it before us.' Now since they are not guided by it, they will (always) say, 'This is (but) an ancient falsehood.' 12 And yet, before this (divine Book) there was the Scripture of Moses, as a guide and (a sign of God's) grace; and this (Quran) is a (divine) Book which confirms (the truth of the earlier Book the Torah. It is revealed) in the Arabic language, in order to warn those who are bent on evildoing, and give glad tidings to the (sincere) doers of good.

13 (For,) behold, those who say, 'Our Lord is (the One True) God,' and thereafter remain firm (in their faith), then they will have no fear, nor will they grieve. 14 (Those who have discovered the truth and remained firm on it,) it is they who are the inhabitants of Paradise, abiding therein forever, as a reward for what they used to do.

15 And We have enjoined upon man kindness towards his parents. His mother carried him in hardship, and gave birth to him in hardship. And his bearing and weaning takes thirty months. And so, when he attains to full maturity, and reaches forty years, he (who is righteous) prays (to God), 'O my Lord! Inspire me to always be grateful for Your favours which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and to do righteous (deeds) which please You; and (also) instil righteousness in my offspring. I truly turn to You, and truly, I am of those who have submitted themselves (to You). 16 It is

from (these) people that We will accept the good they did; and We will overlook their bad deeds - (they will find themselves) among the inhabitants of Paradise, this is a true promise - which they were given.

17 But there is one who scolds his parents (whenever they try to imbue him with faith in God), 'Fie upon both of you! Do you warn me that I will be brought forth (from the dead), while many generations have perished before me (yet none was resurrected)? His parents cry seeking God's help, 'Alas for you, believe (in God)! (For,) behold, the promise of God is true.' But he says, 'All this is nothing but stories of the former people.' 18 Such are those upon whom the punishment has became binding, as happened to communities of jinn-beings and human beings before them, for they were truly losers.

19 And (in the eternal life,) there will be ranks for everyone, according to what (good or evil) they did, so that He may recompense them in full for their doings, and they will never be wronged. 20 On the Day when those who were bent on denying the truth are brought before the Fire, (they will be told,) 'You (already) exhausted your (share of) good things during your worldly life, and (fully) enjoyed them (without any thought of the eternal life, and without being grateful towards the Giver of good things), so today you will be recompensed with a humiliating torment, because you were arrogant in the land without any right, and because you were defiantly disobedient.' 21 And remember (Prophet Hood -) the brother of (the tribe of) Aad, when he warned his people (living in the valley) of the sand-hills, while many warners had already passed away before him, and after him (conveying this only message), 'Worship none but (the One True) God. I truly fear, lest torment befall you on a tremendous Day.'

22 They argued, 'Have you come to turn us away from our deities? Then bring upon us that (doom) with which you threaten us, if what you say is true!' 23 The messenger said, 'The knowledge (of its coming) rests with God alone, I but convey to you the message with which I have been sent, but I can see that you are a people behaving ignorantly!'

24 And so, when they saw the torment as a (dense) cloud approaching their valleys, they said (happily), 'This is but a cloud bringing us rain.' (But Hood replied,) 'Nay, but it is the very thing which you sought to hasten - a (fierce) wind carrying a painful punishment, 25 that will destroy everything by the command of its Lord.' Then they became such that there was nothing left visible except their (ruined) dwellings. This is how We recompense the people lost in sin.

26 Indeed, We had established them (i.e. people of Hood) in such a powerful position in which We have not established you (O people of Makkah), and We had endowed them with hearing, and sight, and intellect; but neither their hearing, nor their sight, nor their intellect were of the least avail to them, that is because they went on rejecting God's messages; and (in the end) they were overwhelmed by the very thing which they used to ridicule. 27 Thus have We destroyed the (sinful) towns which (were situated) around you, and yet (before destroying them,) We had (repeatedly) given them various messages (of Our warning), so that they may turn back (from their evil paths). 28 Then why did those - whom they had taken as deities besides (the One True) God, as the means of approach (to Him) - not come to their aid? Rather, they were lost from them. Such was (the outcome of) their falsehood, and what they used to fabricate. 29 And (remember) when We directed a group of jinn-beings towards you (O prophet,) so that they may listen to the Quran. So, when they attended it, they said (to one another), 'Listen attentively!' And when (the recitation) was over, they returned to their fellow jinn as warners. 30 They said, 'O our fellow-jinn! Behold, We have heard a (divine) Book revealed after Moses - confirming what came before it, and it guides to the truth, and to the straight path. 31 O our fellow

jinn! Respond to the one who is calling you to (the One True) God, and believe in him; God will forgive you your sins, and protect you from the painful punishment (in the post-death eternal life).' 32 And whoever does not respond - to the one who is calling to God - can never elude Him on earth, nor can he have any protector against Him (in the eternal life). Such people have clearly gone far astray.'

33 **Do they (i.e. the deniers of the post-death eternal life) not realize that God - Who created the heavens and the earth, and was never tired by creating them, has (also) the power to bring the dead back to life? Yes, of course, He is Ever-Powerful over everything.**

Note: - This verse of the Quran is introducing the One Who alone is All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful. He is Ever-Capable to bring the dead back to life.

34 And so, on the Day when those who were bent on denying the truth will be brought before the Fire (and will be asked), 'Is this not the truth?' They will cry, 'Yes, of course, by our Lord.' God will say, 'Then taste the punishment for what you used to deny.' 35 So remain steadfast, as the messengers endowed with (firm) resolve remained steadfast (in adverse situations), and do not seek to hasten (punishment) for those (who deny the truth). On the Day when they see what they were warned of, (it will seem to them) as if they had stayed (on the earth) no longer than one hour of a day. (This is) a (sufficient) warning! Will, then, any be (really) destroyed except the defiantly disobedient people?

SURAH–47. MUHAMMAD

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 For those who are bent on denying the truth, and bent on hindering (others) from the path of God - He will make their deeds worthless. 2 Whereas those who have attained to faith

and do righteous deeds, and have come to believe in what has been sent down upon Muhammad, for it is the truth from their Lord (- will attain to God's grace). He will efface their (past) misdeeds and set their condition right. 3 That (difference) is because those who are bent on denying the truth follow falsehood, whereas those who have attained to faith follow (but) the truth (which has come) from their Lord. Thus God sets forth their similitudes for people.

4 So when you encounter those who deny the truth (in battle), strike their necks, until you have broken their strength thoroughly, then make (them) prisoners, and afterwards either set them free as an act of grace, or let them ransom (themselves), until the battle terminates (finally). Thus (you will do). If God had willed, He (Himself) could have taken retribution from them, but (He commanded you to fight) to test some of you by means of others. And as for those who are killed in God's cause, He will never let their deeds go to waste. 5 He will guide them and set their condition right; 6 and will admit them into Paradise, which He has (already) acquainted them with. 7 O you who have attained to faith! If you support (the cause of) God, He will support you, and will make firm your steps. 8 But as for those who are bent on denying the truth, destruction will be their lot, and God will make their deeds worthless. 9 That is because they hate what God has sent down, so He made their deeds worthless.

10 Have they not travelled through the land to see how was the end of those before them (who persisted in denying the truth)? God destroyed them (utterly), and a similar end awaits those who deny the truth. 11 That is because God is the Protector of those who have attained to faith, whereas they who deny the truth have no protector.

12 Indeed, God will admit all those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds into Gardens through which running waters flow, whereas they who are bent on denying the truth enjoy themselves (in this world), and they eat as cattle eat; their final abode is the Fire. 13 And (O prophet,) how many towns We

destroyed - were far superior in strength than this town of yours - which has driven you out, (when We destroyed them) there was none to help them.

14 Can, then, he who takes his stand on a clear evidence from his Lord be like those whose evil deeds are made appealing to them; and they (only) follow their desires? 15 The description of the Paradise promised to the God-conscious is that in it are rivers of water that never stales, and rivers of milk whose taste never changes, and rivers of wine - delicious for those who drink, and rivers of pure honey. There they will also have all kinds of fruit, and forgiveness from their Lord. (Can these God-conscious people) be like those who will abide in the Fire forever, left to drink boiling water that tears apart their intestines?

16 And among them there are some (hypocrites) who (pretend to) listen to you, but when they depart from you, they say (mockingly) to those (believers) who were given knowledge, 'What did he just say?' Such are those whose hearts (i.e. minds) God has sealed up, and they (only) follow their desires. 17 But as for those who are (willing to be) guided, He increases their (ability to follow His) guidance, and causes them to grow in God-consciousness. 18 Are they (whose hearts are sealed up) only waiting for the Hour (of Doom) to come upon them all of sudden? So (some of) its signs have (already) appeared. But of what avail will their (receiving) admonition be to them, once it has actually come upon them?

19 **SO KNOW THAT THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT (THE ONE TRUE) GOD,** and seek forgiveness for your sinful deeds, and for (the sins of) all other believing men and women. For God (fully) knows your movements and places of rest.

20 Those who have attained to faith say, 'Why has a chapter not been revealed (allowing us to fight)?' But when a decisive chapter is revealed, in which fighting is (explicitly)

mentioned, you can see in whose hearts is disease (of hypocrisy) staring at you (O prophet) like someone who is about to die! It would have been better for them 21 to obey (to God's call) and speak what is just. And when the matter (of fighting) was determined; if they had been true to God, indeed, it would have been better for them. 22 (Say to them,) 'Now if you turn away, what else can be expected but that you will spread corruption in the land, and severe your ties of kinship?' 23 It is these whom God has condemned, so He has made them deaf (to hear the voice of the truth), and blinded their eyesight (to see the signs of the truth). 24 **Do they not then reflect upon the Quran, or are there locks upon their minds?** 25 Indeed, those who turn their backs (on this message) after (true) guidance has become clear to them, it is Satan who has tempted them, luring them with false hopes. 26 That is because they said (privately) to those who (also) abhor what God has revealed, 'We will obey you in some matters.' But God (fully) knows what they are hiding.

27 But how (horrible) will it be when the angels will take them in death, beating their faces and their backs! 28 That is because they followed the way that incurred God's wrath, and disliked to adopt (the way of) His pleasure, so He has rendered all their deeds worthless.

29 Or do those in whose hearts is disease (of hypocrisy) think that God will never bring to light their malice? 30 And if We had (so) willed, We could have shown them clearly to you, and you would have certainly recognized them by their faces. However, you will surely recognize them by the manner of (their) speech. And God knows all that you do (O people!).

31 And We will certainly test you (believers), until We mark out those among you who (truly) strive hard (for Our cause) and remain steadfast (in adverse situations), and We will test (the sincerity of) your assertions. 32 Indeed, those who are bent on denying the truth, and bent on hindering (others) from the path of God, and oppose the messenger after guidance has

become clear to them, they can never harm God in any way, but He will render all their deeds worthless.

33 O you who have attained to faith! Obey God, and obey (His) messenger, and do not let your deeds go to waste. 34 As for those who are bent on denying the truth, and bent on hindering (others) from the path of God, **AND THEN DIE AS DENIERS OF THE TRUTH, INDEED, GOD WILL NEVER FORGIVE THEM!** 35 So, (when you fight for the cause of God) do not lose courage, or (never) beg for peace, for you will have the upper hand, and (All-Powerful) God is with you, and He will never deprive you of (the reward of) your (good) deeds.

36 **THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD IS BUT A PLAY AND A PASSING DELIGHT,** but if you believe in God and remain conscious of Him. He will give you your rewards, and He will not ask you (to sacrifice in His cause all of) your wealth. 37 (For,) if He were to ask you for it, and insist you (to spend all your wealth), you would be niggardly, and He would expose your unwillingness (for spending in His cause). 38 Behold, (O believers!) It is you who are being called upon to spend (freely) in God's cause, but (even) among you are some who are niggardly, and yet, he who acts niggardly (in God's cause), is (in fact) niggardly towards his own self, for God is indeed the Self-Sufficient, whereas you (always) stand in need (of Him); and if you (still) turn away (from Him), He will cause other people to take your place, and they will not be like you.

SURAH–48. AL- FAT'H

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Indeed (O prophet), We have given you a clear victory, 2 so that God may forgive you - your past as well as your future shortcomings, and complete His favour upon you, and guide

you to the straight path; 3 and (so that) God may help you tremendously.

4 It is He Who sent down (His gift of) inner peace into the hearts of the believers, so that they may grow (yet more firm) in faith along with their (existing) faith. And to God belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and God (alone) is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise, 5 (and) so that He may admit the believing men and the believing women into Gardens through which running waters flow, to abide therein forever, and so that He may efface their (past) bad deeds; and that is a supreme achievement in the sight of God; 6 and so that He may punish the hypocrite men and hypocrite women, and those men and women who associate others with God (in His divinity), who harbour evil thoughts about God. Evil will encompass them from all sides; God is displeased with them; and He has condemned them, and has prepared for them Hell. What a terrible destination! 7 And to (the One True) God belong the hosts of the heavens and the earth, and God (alone) is Supreme in might, Supreme in wisdom. 8 Indeed (O prophet), We have sent you as a witness (to the truth), and a bearer of glad tidings and a warner, 9 so that you (believers) may have faith in God and His messenger, and support him, and honour him; and extol the glory of God in the morning and in the evening. 10 Behold, those who pledge allegiance to you (O prophet), (in fact) they are pledging allegiance to God; the hand of God is over their hands. Hence, whoever breaks his pledge breaks it only to his own loss, but whoever remains true to what he has pledged to God, soon He will give him a great reward.

11 Those of the Bedouins who remained behind will say to you (O prophet), 'Our properties and our families kept us busy (hence we could not accompany you), so ask forgiveness for us (to God).' (Thus) they speak with their tongues something that is not in their hearts. Say, 'Who then has any power at all (to intervene) on your behalf with God, if He intends to do you harm, or intends to do you good? In fact, God is Ever-Aware of

whatever you do. 12 Nay, (that is not the fact what you are telling, but) you thought that the messenger and the believers would never return to their families ever, and this seemed appealing to your hearts. And you harboured an evil thought (that God would not help the believers), and thus you became a doomed people.' 13 And whoever does not believe in God and His messenger, then indeed, We have prepared a blazing Fire for all (such) deniers of the truth! 14 And to (the One True) God belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. He forgives whomever He wills, and punishes whomever He wills. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

15 Those who remained behind will say when you set out to take the spoils of war, 'Allow us to accompany you,' (thus showing that) they wish to change the promise of God. Say, 'You will never accompany us. This is what God has already decreed.' Then they will say, 'In fact, you are driven by jealousy against us.' Rather, they do not understand but a little (of the truth).

16 Say to those who remained behind of the Bedouins, 'You will be called upon (to fight) against a people of great military might; you will have to fight them, or they will submit. And then, if you obey (that call), God will give you a goodly reward; but if you turn away (this time), as you turned away before, He will punish you with a painful punishment.' 17 There is no blame on the blind, nor does any blame attach to the lame, nor does blame attach to the sick (for staying away from a battle in God's cause); but whoever obeys God and His messenger. God will admit him into Gardens through which running waters flow. But whoever turns away, He will punish him with a painful punishment.

18 Indeed, God was pleased with the believers when they pledged allegiance to you (O prophet,) under the tree, and He knew what was in their hearts, so He sent down (His gift of) inner peace upon them, and rewarded them with (the glad tidings of) a victory soon to come, 19 and (of) many war-gains which they will take, for God (alone) is Supreme in might,

Supreme in wisdom. 20 (O you who believe!) God has promised you many war-gains that you will take (in future); so He has given you this (victory of peace-treaty) in advance; and He has restrained the hands of (hostile) people from (harming) you, so that it may be a sign for the believers, and so that He may guide you to the straight path. 21 And there are yet other (gains) which are still beyond your reach that God is keeping in store (for you). For God is Ever-Powerful to do anything.

22 And (now) if those (Makkans) who are bent on denying the truth were to fight you, they would certainly turn their backs (in flight), then they would find none to protect them and none to help them. 23 Such has been the way of God, already with those who passed away before, and never will you find any change in the way of God. 24 And it is He Who restrained their hands from you, and your hands from them, in the valley of (Hudaibiyah, near) Makkah, after giving you the upper hand over (a group of) them. And God is Ever-Beholding of what you do.

25 It is they who were bent on denying the truth, and hindered you from the Inviolable House of worship, and prevented the sacrificial animals from reaching their place of sacrifice. (We would have let you march through Makkah) if there had not been believing men, and believing women whom you could not identify - that you might have trampled them underfoot, incurring guilt for (what you did to) them unknowingly (that is why you were not allowed to march). (This happened,) so that God may admit to His grace whomever He wills. If they (i.e. the believers) had been clearly separated (from the deniers), We would have surely punished those who were bent on denying the truth among them with a painful punishment.

26 (Remember) when the deniers of the truth had harboured a stubborn disdain in their hearts - the stubborn disdain (born) of ignorance, then God sent down His (gift of) inner peace upon His messenger and the believers, inspiring them to adhere the spirit of God-consciousness, (for) they were more deserving

and worthy of this (divine gift). And God has full knowledge of all things. 27 God has in all truth shown his messenger a true vision (in which it was said), 'God willing, you will most certainly enter the Inviolable mosque, in peace and safety, (some with) heads shaved and (others) with hair shortened, without any fear. God knew what you did not know, and He ordained (for you), besides this, a victory soon to come.' 28 **IT IS GOD WHO HAS SENT HIS MESSENGER WITH GUIDANCE AND THE RELIGION OF TRUTH, MAKING IT PREVAIL OVER ALL (FALSE) RELIGIONS. AND GOD SUFFICES AS AN EVER-PRESENT WITNESS.**

29 Muhammad is the messenger of God, and those who are with him are firm (and unyielding) towards those who are bent on denying the truth (and are at war with the believers), but they are compassionate among themselves. You can see them bowing down, prostrating themselves (in prayer), seeking bounty from God and (His) goodly acceptance. Their marks are on their faces from the effects of prostration. Such is their description in the Torah. And their description in the Gospel is like that of a seed which sprouts its (tiny) shoot, then makes it strong, then it grows thick, standing firmly on its stem - delighting the sowers, so that He may enrage thereby the deniers of the truth. (But) God has promised those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds among them - forgiveness and a great reward.

SURAH–49. AL-HUJURAAT

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 O you who have attained to faith! Do not place (your opinions) above that of God and His messenger (i.e. always remain obedient to God and His messenger), and remain

conscious of God, (for) God (alone) is All-Hearing and All-Knowing.

2 O you who have attained to faith! Do not raise your voices above the voice of the prophet, nor speak loudly to him as you speak loudly to one another, lest all your (good) deeds come to nothing without your perceiving it. 3 Behold, they who lower their voices in the presence of God's messenger - it is they whose hearts God has tested for righteousness. For them there is forgiveness and a great reward. 4 Indeed, most of those who call out to you (O prophet) from outside (your) private quarters have no understanding (of manners). 5 And if they had waited patiently (for you) until you come out to (see) them, it would have certainly been better for them. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

6 O you who have attained to faith! If a wicked person comes to you with a (slanderous) information, then investigate, lest you harm people unknowingly, then you become remorseful for what you have done. 7 And keep in mind that God's messenger is (still) in your midst. If he agreed with you in most matters, you would surely suffer (the consequences). But God has endeared faith to you and made it pleasing to your hearts. And He has made denial of the truth, and transgression, and disobedience hateful to you. Such (indeed) are they who follow the right course. 8 (This is) a bounty and a blessing from God. And God (alone) is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise.

9 And if two factions among the believers fight (each other), then make peace between them. But if one of them oppresses the other, then fight against the one that oppresses until it returns to the command of God. Then if it returns, make peace between them in all fairness. (O believers!) Act justly. Indeed, God loves those who act justly. 10 All believers are but one brotherhood; so make peace between your brothers, and remain conscious of God, so that you may be graced with His mercy.

11 O you who have attained to faith! Let not some men (among you) ridicule others, it may be that those (who are

ridiculed) are better than themselves (in the sight of God), nor let some women ridicule (other) women; it may be that those (who are ridiculed) are better than themselves (in the sight of God). And do not defame one another, nor call one another by (offensive) nicknames; evil is (calling by) bad name after (one has attained to) faith; and they who (become guilty thereof, but) do not repent, then it is they who are (truly) evildoers.

12 O you who have attained to faith! Avoid much suspicion (about one another), (for,) behold, some suspicions are sin. And do not spy on one another, nor backbite one another. Would any of you like to eat the flesh of his dead brother? (Nay,) you would hate it! And (always) remain conscious of God. Indeed, God is Ever-Acceptor of repentance, Most Merciful. 13 **O MANKIND! BEHOLD, WE HAVE CREATED YOU ALL OUT OF A MALE AND A FEMALE, AND MADE YOU INTO NATIONS AND TRIBES, SO THAT YOU MAY RECOGNIZE ONE ANOTHER.** Indeed, the most honoured of you in the sight of God is the one who is most deeply conscious of Him. Behold, God (alone) is All-Knowing, Ever-Aware.

Note: - All human beings come from one set of parents, that is why all human beings are brothers and sisters, in essence, entire mankind is a single family.

There is, in fact, no upper caste and lower caste in mankind. As far as nations and tribes are concerned, they are only names for recognizing purpose, not for any other purpose. The fact regarding mankind is that the Creator of entire mankind is one, and parents of entire mankind is also one.

The Creator never discriminates between His creations, it is not that so and so creation is superior and so and so is inferior, same is the case of parents regarding their all children.

14 The Bedouins (i.e. the dwellers of the desert) say, 'We have attained to faith.' Say (to Bedouins,), 'You have not (yet) attained to faith; you should (rather) say, 'We have (outwardly)

submitted,' because faith (i.e. the discovery of the truth) has not yet entered into your hearts. But if you obey God and His messenger (wholeheartedly), He will not decrease anything from (the reward of) your deeds. (For,) behold, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.' 15 (Know that true) believers are only those who have attained to faith in God and His messenger, and then do not have any doubt, but strive hard in God's cause with their wealth and their lives; it is they who are true to their word.

16 Say, 'Do you inform God (the reality) of your faith, when God (already) knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth? (Indeed,) God (alone) has full knowledge of everything. 17 They regard that they have done you (O prophet) a favour by embracing Islam. Tell (them), 'Do not regard your Islam as a favour to me. Rather, it is God Who has done you a favour by guiding you to the (true) faith. (Acknowledge this fact) if you are sincere (in your faith).' 18 Indeed, God (alone) knows the hidden realities of the heavens and the earth; and God is Ever-Beholding of whatever you do.

SURAH–50. QAAF

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Qaaf. (I swear) by the glorious Quran (that you have been sent as a messenger)! 2 But they wonder that there has come to them a warner from among themselves. So the deniers of the truth say, 'This is an astonishing thing!' 3 (The deniers of the truth continue,) 'What! Is it when we die and become dust (shall we be resurrected)? Such a return seems far-fetched (indeed)!' 4 We certainly know what the earth diminishes of them (i.e. consumes of their bodies after their death), for with Us is a Record well-preserved. 5 Rather, they (who refuse to believe in Resurrection) gave the lie to the truth when it came to them, so they are in a state of confusion.

6 Do they not observe the sky above them, how We have built it, and adorned it (with stars), leaving no flaws in it? 7 As

for the earth - We have spread it wide, and set upon it firm mountains, and We caused to grow in it all kinds of delightful plants, 8 thus giving an insight and a reminder to every human being who (willingly) turns to God. 9 And We send down blessed rain from the sky (i.e. sweet water which is the cause of all blessings), with which We cause to grow gardens and grains to harvest, 10 and tall palm-trees with clustered dates; 11 as a provision for human beings, and with this (rain) We bring a dead land to life. Thus will be the Resurrection (of the dead). 12 (Long) before those (who now deny Resurrection) did Noah's people give the lie to this truth, and (so did) the people of Ar-Rass, and (the tribe of) Thamood, 13 and (the tribe of) Aad, and Pharaoh, and the brothers of Lot, 14 and the dwellers of the wooded dales (of Madyan), and the people of Tubba - they all gave the lie to the messengers, and so My warning came true.

15 Were We then worn out by their first creation? No indeed, yet they are in doubt about (their) re-creation.

16 **AND INDEED, IT IS WE WHO CREATED MAN, AND WE (FULLY) KNOW WHAT HIS SOUL WHISPERS TO HIM, FOR WE ARE CLOSER TO HIM THAN HIS NECK-VEIN.**

Note: - Who can be such a Knower except the True Creator of human being. The 'God' introduced by the Quran is the True God of human being.

17 (And so,) when the two recording-angels (constantly) record (every human act), (one) sitting to the right, and (the other) to the left, 18 not a single word does a person utter but there is with him a (vigilant) observer, ready (to record it).

19 (Ultimately,) with the throes of death will come the truth; that is (the very thing, O man,) which you were (trying) to escape! 20 And (in the end) the trumpet (of Resurrection) will be blown. This is the Day (you were) warned of. 21 And

every human being will come along with an (angel) to drive (him), and another (angel) to bear witness (about his deeds). 22 (It will be said to the denier,) 'You were indeed heedless of this (Day of Judgement); but now We have removed from you your veil, so your sight is sharp today! 23 And his companion (angel who recorded his deeds) will say, 'Here is the record ready with me!' 24 (Whereupon God will command both angels) 'Throw into Hell every (such) stubborn denier of the truth, 25 (every) hinderer of good, transgressor, and the one causing (others) to doubt - 26 **WHO SET UP ANOTHER DEITY BESIDES GOD. SO DO CAST HIM INTO THE SEVERE PUNISHMENT!'**

Note: - By calling non-god 'a god,' man cannot create gods. **The One True God is always God**. And He is not the creation of man's imaginations. When one calls non-god 'a god' - it is mere imagination, not more than that. Calling non-god 'a god' is not a simple thing, it is an unforgivable crime which will lead man to the destination of severe punishment.

27 And his (devilish) associate will say, 'O our Lord! I did not make him transgress, but he himself was in a great error!' 28 God will say, 'Do not dispute in My presence (O you sinners), for I had given you a forewarning (of this Day of Reckoning). 29 The decree (passed) by Me cannot be changed, nor am I unjust to My servants.'

30 (Beware of) the Day when We will ask Hell, 'Have you reached your fill?' And it will say, '(Nay,) are there any more?' 31 And (on that Day) Paradise will be brought near to the God-conscious, and will no longer be far away. 32 (And they will be told,) 'This is what you were promised, this is for everyone who (constantly) turned to God (with sincerity), and kept (Him always) in mind, 33 who feared the Most Gracious without seeing Him, and have come to with a heart turning (only to Him). 34 (Such person will be told,) 'So enter Paradise in peace! This is the Day of eternity (i.e. the Day on which eternal

life begins)!' 35 **There (in Paradise), they will have whatever they desire, but there is yet more with Us.**

Note: - Paradise is such a place of never-ending bounties prepared by God for His righteous servants. According to a Hadith, God says, 'I have prepared for My righteous servants (such a Paradise full of bounties) which no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, no human mind has ever perceived.'

It means Paradise is an endless kingdom of God - none can imagine its greatness and vastness.

36 How many generations We have destroyed before these (deniers of the truth), who were far stronger than these in prowess! And they had explored throughout the lands, but (when the torment from Us befell them,) could they find any refuge? 37 There is indeed a reminder in this for everyone who has a (mindful) heart, and gives ear (to the truth) attentively.

38 **Indeed, We created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six periods, and no fatigue touched Us.**

Note: - It is an introduction of the One - Who alone is truly All-Powerful, Ever-Powerful.

One who is overwhelmed by any fatigue can never create and sustain such a vast and wonderful universe. It is totally a false notion that the Lord created the universe in six days and rested on the seventh. The universe with its vastness itself testifies that its creator can never be the One - Who is touched by any fatigue and needs some rest to be refreshed.

39 So be patient over what they say, and glorify the praises of your Lord before the rising of the sun and before (its) setting. 40 And glorify Him during part of the night, and (so likewise) after the prostration (i.e. prayer).

41 And listen! On the Day when the caller will call out from a nearby place, 42 the Day on which all (human beings)

will, in truth, hear the (mighty) blast, that is the Day of Resurrection. 43 Indeed, it is We Who give life and cause death, and to Us is the final return. 44 (Beware of) the Day when the earth will be cleft asunder exposing them, (they will come) hurrying (towards God's judgement). That will be a gathering, so easy for Us (to muster). 45 We are fully Aware of what they (who deny the Resurrection) say. And (O prophet) you are not there to compel them (to believe). But remind with the Quran - whoever fears My warning.

SURAH–51. ADH-DHAARIYAAT

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 By (the winds) that scatter the dust, 2 and (the clouds) that bear the burden of the rain, 3 and (the ships) that float with ease, 4 and by (the angles) who administer affairs by (God's) command! 5 Indeed, what you are promised is true, 6 and indeed, the recompense is bound to take place (i.e. the Day of Judgement is sure to come). 7 By the (heaven) full of pathways (i.e. orbits), 8 (O you Makkans!) you are indeed (lost) in conflicting views (about the truth). 9 Turned away from this (Quran) is the one who is turned away (totally from the truth).

10 May the liars perish - 11 those who are drowned in ignorance, totally heedless (about the eternal life)! 12 They ask (mockingly), 'When is this Day of Judgement?' 13 (It is) the Day when they will be tormented over the Fire. 14 (And they will be told,) 'Taste your torment. This is what you sought to hasten.' 15 (But,) behold, the God-conscious will find themselves amidst Gardens and springs, 16 (joyfully) receiving what their Lord will grant them, prior to this, they were certainly (sincere) doers of good, 17 they used to sleep but little in the night, 18 and in the hours before dawn, they would seek forgiveness. 19 And in their wealth there was a rightful share for one who asks (for help) and for one who is deprived.

20 And on earth there are (countless) signs (of Creator's existence, visible) for those who are certain (in faith), 21 as

there are within yourselves. Can you not, then, see? 22 And in the heaven is (the source of) your sustenance (on earth), and all that you are promised (for the eternal life). 23 So, by the Lord of the heaven and the earth, this (resurrection) is certainly as true as the fact that you can speak.

24 Has the story of Abraham's honoured guests reached you (O prophet)? 25 When those (angel-messengers) came to him (in human form) and greeted (him), 'Peace (be upon you).' Abraham answered, '(And upon you also be) peace; (saying to himself,) (you are) people unknown.' 26 Then he went (quickly) to his household, and brought a fat (roasted) calf; 27 and he placed it before them, (but they refrained,) he asked, '(What!) will you not eat?' 28 (And when he saw that they were not eating) then he felt apprehensive about them. (But) they reassured (him), 'Do not be afraid.' And they gave him glad tidings of (the birth of) a son who would be endowed with (deep) knowledge. 29 Thereupon his wife approached (the guests) with a cry, beating her forehead (in astonishment), and exclaimed, 'A barren old woman (like me will give birth to a child now)!' 30 They answered, 'This is what your Lord said, indeed, He (alone) is the Supremely Wise, the All-Knowing.'

PART – 27 31 Abraham said, 'Then what is your mission, O (heavenly) messengers?' 32 They answered, 'Behold, We have been sent to a people lost in sin, 33 so that We may send down upon them stones of (baked) clay, 34 marked by your Lord for the transgressors.' 35 Then (before the torment) We evacuated all the faithful (who were) in the town. 36 (For,) apart from one (single) household We did not find there any who had submitted themselves to Us. 37 And We left in it a (messageful) sign for those who fear the painful punishment.

38 And (there is also a messageful sign in the story of) Moses when We sent him to Pharaoh with a clear authority, 39 but he and his supporters turned away, and he said (about Moses), 'A sorcerer or possessed!' 40 So We seized him and his hosts, and cast them all into the sea, while he was blameworthy. 41 And in (the story of the tribe of) Aad (was

also a messageful sign), when We sent against them the destructive wind 42 which spared nothing of what it came upon, but caused (all of) it to become like rotten ruins. 43 And also in (the story of the tribe of) Thamood, (was a messageful sign), when it was said to them, 'Take your enjoyment for a while.' 44 But they rebelled against the command of their Lord, so the thunderbolt (of divine punishment) seized them, while they were (helplessly) looking on. 45 Then they could not withstand it, nor could they defend themselves. 46 And (thus, too, We destroyed) Noah's people much before, for they were truly a rebellious people.

47 **AND IT IS WE WHO HAVE BUILT THE UNIVERSE WITH (OUR CREATIVE) POWER. AND INDEED, IT IS WE WHO ARE STEADILY EXPANDING IT.**

Note: - This fact, which was described in the Quran almost 1500 years ago, was also accepted by modern science. This statement in the Quran clearly shows that the Quran is not the word of human being, but the word of the Lord of the universe.

48 And We spread out the earth, and how superbly did We spread it out! 49 And We have created everything in pairs, so that you may (reflect and) be mindful (of the Creator's grace). 50 So (proclaim, O prophet), 'Flee towards God (from all that is false and evil)! Indeed, I am a clear warner to you from Him. 51 And do not set up with (the One True) God another deity. Indeed, I am a clear warner to you from Him.'

52 Likewise, there came no messenger to those before them, but they said, 'He is sorcerer or possessed' (i.e. they said so to every messenger). 53 Have they handed down this (saying) to one another (as a legacy)? Rather, they are a

transgressing people. 54 So turn away from them, for you are not blameworthy at all. 55 But keep on exhorting them (all who would listen), for, indeed, exhortation benefits the believers. 56

AND (TELL THEM THAT) I HAVE CREATED THE JINN-BEING AND HUMAN BEING ONLY TO WORSHIP ME. 57 I do not seek any sustenance from them, nor do I need that they should feed Me. 58 In fact, it is God Who (alone) is the Ever-Provider of all sustenance, the Lord of all might, the (eternally) Invincible.

Note: - Here worshipping does not mean doing some rituals, but it means realization of God and acknowledging Him. The purpose of man's creation is the realization of God.

59 So indeed, for those who are bent on doing evil will have their share (of torment) like that of their predecessors (i.e. earlier generations), so let them not ask Me to hasten (their doom)! 60 Woe, then, to those who are bent on denying the truth when they face their Day which they are warned of!

SURAH–52. AT-TOOR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 By the Mount (Sinai - where Moses communicated with God), 2 and by the Book written 3 on parchment spread open, 4 and by the frequently visited House, 5 and by the roof raised high (i.e. heaven), 6 and by the swelling sea. 7 **Indeed, (O man,) the punishment (decreed by) your Lord (for the sinners) will**

certainly come to pass, 8 **for there is none who can avert it.** 9 (It will come to pass) on the Day when the heavens are convulsed in a violent convulsion, 10 and the mountains move away with a horrible movement. 11 Then woe, on that Day to all who give the lie to the truth - 12 those who (throughout their lives) amuse themselves with falsehood, 13 on that Day they will be thrust into the Fire of Hell - with a (violent) thrust; 14 (and will be told,) 'This is the Fire which you used give the lie to! 15 Is this magic, or do you not see? 16 (Enter now to) burn therein; whether you bear it patiently or impatiently, it makes no difference to you. **YOU ARE ONLY BEING RECOMPENSED FOR WHATEVER YOU USED TO DO.'**

17 (But,) indeed, the God-conscious will find themselves (on that Day) in Gardens and bliss, 18 enjoying what their Lord will have granted them, for their Lord will have protected them from the torment of the blazing Fire. 19 (And the inhabitants of Paradise will be told,) 'Eat and drink pleasantly for what you used to do.' 20 (They will be) reclining on thrones (neatly) arranged in rows. And We will marry them to fair maidens with gorgeous eyes.

21 And as for those who have attained to faith and whose offspring have followed them in faith, We will cause their offspring to join them; and We will not deprive them anything (of the reward) of their deeds, **(BUT) EVERY HUMAN BEING IS HOSTAGE TO WHATEVER HE HAS EARNED.** 22 And We will provide them with whatever fruit and meat they desire. 23 Therein they will pass around to one another a cup (of a drink),

which does not lead to any idle talk or sin. 24 They will be served by their (servant) boys, (who will be as neat and clean) as if they were well-protected pearls. 25 They will turn to one another inquiring (about each other). 26 They will say, 'Behold, before this, when we were among our families, we used to be afraid (of displeasing God), 27 so God has graced us with His favour, and has protected us from the torment of the scorching Fire. 28 Indeed, we used to call upon Him (alone) before. He is truly the Most Kind, the Most Merciful.

29 So keep reminding (them), for, by the grace of your Lord, you are neither a soothsayer, nor possessed. 30 Or do they say (of you), '(He is but) a poet, for whom we (eagerly) await a misfortune of time?' 31 Say, 'Keep waiting! Indeed, I too am waiting with you.' 32 Or do their (intelligent) minds prompt them (to say) such things, or are they (simply) a transgressing people? 33 Or do they say, 'He himself has composed this (message)?' In fact, they are not (willing) to believe! 34 But then (if they think it the work of a human being), let them produce another discourse like it if they are sincere (about what they say).

35 (Or do they deny the existence of the Creator?) Were they created by none? Or are they their own creators? 36 Or did they create the heavens and the earth? In fact, they have no firm belief (in the Creator)! 37 Or do they possess the treasures of your Lord, or are they the controllers (of everything, having absolute authority)? 38 Or do they have a stairway (to heaven) by means of which they could (ascend and) listen (to the angelic assembly)? Then let those who do so bring a clear proof. 39 Does God have daughters (as you claim), while you (prefer to) have sons?

40 Or is it that you ask them for a recompense (for this message), so they find it too burdensome? 41 Or do they (think that they) possess the knowledge of the unseen, so they can write it down? 42 Or do they intend a plot (against the prophet)? But the plot of those who are bent on denying the truth will rebound against themselves! 43 Or do they have a

deity other than (the One True) God? All Glory be to God, (Exalted is He) far above what they associate (with Him)!

44 And even if they were to see a (deadly) piece of the heaven fall down (upon them), still they would say, '(It is but) a mass of clouds (bringing us rain)!' 45 So leave them alone until they face their Day (of Judgement), when they will be stricken with terror, 46 the Day when their plots will not avail them in the least, nor will they be helped. 47 But, indeed, for those who are bent on doing evil, there is a punishment (even in this world) before that (i.e. before the everlasting punishment in the next), but most of them are not aware of it.

48 So wait patiently for the judgement of your Lord, for you are certainly under Our watchful eye. And glorify the praises of your Lord when you rise up (from your sleep). 49 And glorify Him during part of the night, and at the setting of the stars.

SURAH–53. AN-NAJM

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 By the setting star, 2 your companion (i.e. the prophet) has not gone astray, nor has he erred. 3 Nor does he speak out of (his own) desire. 4 It (i.e. the Quran) is nothing but revelation sent down (to him), 5 it is taught to him by one - intense in strength (i.e. Gabriel) - 6 (an angel) endowed with (immense) wisdom, and he once manifested himself (in his true form). 7 When (prophet saw him in his true form) he was at the highest (point) on the horizon, 8 then he approached (the prophet) and came down; 9 until he was only at a distance of two bow-lengths, or even closer. 10 And thus did (God) reveal to His servant what He had to reveal. 11 The (prophet's) heart did not lie about what he saw. 12 Do you, then, dispute with him about what he saw? 13 And he certainly saw him (i.e. the angel Gabriel in his true form) in another descent, 14 at the Lote Tree of the Utmost Boundary (in the seventh heaven beyond which none may pass), 15 near which is the Garden of (eternal) Abode - 16 when the Lote-tree was overwhelmed with

(divine) splendours! 17 The prophet's sight did not waver, nor did it exceed the limit. 18 Certainly, he saw some of the greatest signs of his Lord. 19 Have you (O deniers of the truth) ever thought about (whom you are worshipping -) al-Laat, and al-Uzza, 20 and the third one - Manaat, as well? 21 What! Do you (prefer to) have sons while (you attribute) to Him daughters? 22 Then this is (truly) an unfair division! 23 **THESE (SO-CALLED DEITIES) ARE NO MORE THAN EMPTY NAMES WHICH YOU AND YOUR FOREFATHERS HAVE MADE UP, for which God has never sent down any authority. They (i.e. the worshippers of false deities) follow nothing but (inherited) assumptions and their own wishful thinking, although right guidance has already come to them from their (True) Lord.** 24 Is it that man can (simply) get whatever he wishes for? 25 Rather, it is to God (alone) that the eternal world and this present one belong.

26 And how many angels are there in the heavens whose intercession cannot benefit (anyone) at all, except after God allows it for whomever He wills, and approves (his testimony)? 27 Behold, those who do not believe in the eternal life (after death), give female names to the angels, 28 although they have no knowledge (in support of) this, they follow nothing but (inherited) assumptions. And surely assumptions can in no way replace the truth. 29 So ignore him who turns away from Our Reminder, and desires nothing but the (fleeting) life of this world. 30 That is the ultimate extent of their knowledge. Behold, your Lord is fully Aware about the one who has

strayed from His path, and fully Aware is He about the one who follows His guidance.

31 And to God belongs all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth, so that He may recompense those who do evil in accordance with what they did, and will recompense those who (sincerely) do good - with the ultimate good (i.e. Paradise) - 32 those who refrain from committing grave sins and immoral deeds - even though they may sometimes stumble (i.e. human being may commit some minor mistakes), behold, your Lord is infinite in forgiveness. He is fully Aware of you when He brought you into being from dust, and when you were embryos in your mothers' wombs. So do not (falsely) claim yourselves pure; for He knows best who is (truly) conscious of Him.

33 Have you, then, ever taken notice of the one who turns away (from guidance, and cares for no more than this worldly life), 34 and gives so little, and (then) withholds (i.e. he gives a little with grudge)? 35 Does he have the knowledge of the unseen (realities), so that he can see (everything clearly)? 36 Or has he not been informed of what was (revealed) in the Scriptures of Moses, 37 and (that of) Abraham, who kept his word? 38 **(THEY STATE) THAT NO BEARER OF BURDENS WILL BEAR THE BURDEN OF ANOTHER (I.E. THE BURDEN OF SINS),** 39 **AND THAT MAN WILL HAVE NOTHING EXCEPT WHAT HE STRIVES FOR,** 40 and that his striving will soon be examined. 41 Then he will be recompensed for it with the fullest recompense, 42 and that to your Lord (alone) is the ultimate return (of all things).

43 And that it is He (alone) Who causes (people) to laugh and weep; 44 and that it is He (alone) Who causes death and gives life. 45 and that it is He (alone) Who creates the pairs - the male and the female, 46 from a (mere) drop of sperm when it is poured (into a womb), 47 and that (therefore) it is within His power to bring about a second life; 48 and that it is He

(alone) Who enriches and suffices; 49 **and that it is He (alone) Who is Sustainer of the Sirius (i.e. the brightest star - which was worshiped by ancient pagans)**.

Note: - The brightest star 'Sirius' was worshipped by pagan Arabs, they were told that Sirius is not worthy of worship, but it is He alone worthy of worship Who is the Sustainer of Sirius.

50 And that it is He Who destroyed the ancient (tribes of) Aad 51 and Thamood, leaving no trace of them, 52 as well as (He destroyed) the people of Noah before them, who were truly far worse in wrongdoing and transgression. 53 And it was He Who turned the towns (of Sodom and Gomorrah) upside down. 54 How overwhelming was what covered them! 55 Then which of the bounties of your Lord, (O man,) will you (still) remain in doubt? 56 This (prophet) is a warner like the earlier warners.

57 That the approaching (Hour) has drawn near, 58 (although) none but (Supremely Mighty) God can avert it. 59 Then do you find this discourse astonishing, 60 and you laugh (at it) and not weep, 61 while persisting in heedlessness? 62 (Rather, your own benefit is only in prostrating yourselves before God,) so prostrate to God, and worship (Him alone)!

SURAH–54. AL-QAMAR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 The Hour (of Doom) has drawn near, and the moon has split asunder. 2 Yet, when they (who deny the coming of the Hour) see a sign, they turn away, and say, '(This is) the same old sorcery!' 3 (In fact,) they are bent on giving the lie to it, and follow their own desires, but (for) every matter has its appointed term. 4 And indeed, there have already come to them stories (of destroyed nations) wherein is sufficient deterrence (i.e. sufficient warning to check them from evil). 5 (This Quran is) profound (in) wisdom, but warnings are of no benefit (to

them), 6 so ignore them. (And wait for) the Day when the caller will summon (them) to a horrific event. 7 They will come forth from their graves, with their eyes downcast, (swarming about) like locusts scattered (by the wind), 8 rushing headlong towards the caller; and those who denied the truth (in the test period) will cry, 'This is (truly) a disastrous Day!'

9 Before them the people of Noah also called it (i.e. the Resurrection) a lie, and they gave the lie to Our servant, and said, 'A madman,' and he was intimidated. 10 Thereupon he cried out to his Lord, 'I am overpowered, so help (me)!' 11 So We opened the gates of the sky with water pouring down (in torrents), 12 and caused the earth to burst forth with springs, so that the waters met for a purpose pre-ordained. 13 And We carried Noah on an (Ark) made of planks and nails, 14 sailing under Our (watchful) Eyes, a reward for him who had been rejected. 15 And indeed, We have left it as a (messageful) sign, so is there anyone who would receive admonition? 16 Then how (dreadful) was the punishment (decreed) by Me, and how were My warnings! 17 **And We have certainly made the Quran easy to learn lessons (from it). So is there anyone who would receive admonition?**

18 (The tribe of) Aad also gave the lie to the truth, then how (dreadful) was the punishment (decreed) by Me, and how were My warnings! 19 Behold, We sent against them a furious wind on a day of continuous misfortune, 20 it swept the people away, leaving them like trunks of uprooted palm trees. 21 Then how (dreadful) was the punishment (decreed) by Me, and how were My warnings! 22 We have certainly made the Quran easy to learn lessons (from it). So is there anyone who would receive admonition?

23 (And the tribe of) Thamood gave the lie to all (our) warnings; 24 and they argued, 'How can we follow one (average) human being from among us? Then we would surely be in error and madness. 25 Is it that the (divine) message has been revealed to him alone, out of all of us? In fact, he is an insolent liar!' 26 (And We said to our prophet,) 'Tomorrow

they will come to know who the insolent liar is!' 27 Behold (O Salih), We are sending the she-camel as a trial for them, so watch them (closely), and have patience. 28 And inform them that the water (of their wells) is to be divided between them, each should take its drink (in turn). 29 But they summoned their (boldest) companion, so he took (a sword), and hamstrung (her). 30 Then how (dreadful) was the punishment (decreed) by Me, and how were My warnings! 31 Behold, We sent against them a single thunderous blast (of Our punishment), leaving them like trampled hedge-building twigs. 32 We have certainly made the Quran easy to learn lessons (from it). So is there anyone who would receive admonition?

33 The people of Lot (also) gave the lie to all (Our) warnings. 34 (So) behold, We sent against them a (deadly) tempest of stones, except (the believers of) Lot's family, whom We saved before dawn, 35 as a blessing from Us. Thus We reward the one who is grateful. 36 Lot had already warned them of Our seizure, but they disputed the warnings. 37 And they even demanded from him his angel-guests (who came in the form of handsome men), so We blinded their eyes, (saying), 'Taste the punishment (decreed) by Me (as an outcome of disregarding of) My warnings.' 38 And indeed, by the early morning they were overwhelmed by an unrelenting torment. 39 So taste the punishment (decreed) by Me (as an outcome of disregarding) My warnings!' 40 We have certainly made the Quran easy to learn lessons (from it). So is there anyone who would receive admonition?

41 Indeed, the warnings also came to the people of Pharaoh. 42 They, too, gave the lie to all Our messages, so We seized them with the (crushing) grip of (the) Supremely Mighty, (the) Powerful One.

43 Are, then, these of your people who (now) deny the truth superior to those (denying people of Noah, Lot, Salih etc.

who were destroyed)? Or have you (been granted) immunity (from punishment) in divine Scriptures? 44 Or do they say, 'We are (all) a united group, bound to prevail?' 45 (Yet) the hosts (of those who deny the truth) will (soon) be defeated, and they will turn their backs (in flight)! 46 But the Hour (of doom) is their appointed time, and the Hour will be most catastrophic and most bitter. 47 (For,) behold, those who are lost in sin (will then come to know that it is they who) are (entrenched) in error, and (will be in) blazes. 48 On the Day they will be dragged into the Fire on their faces - (they will be told,) '(Now) taste the agony of Hell!'

49 Behold, We have created everything in due measure (and proportion); 50 and Our command (to bring anything into being) is but a single word ('Be!' And it is) fulfilled in the blink of an eye. 51 Thus, indeed, We have destroyed many like you; so is there anyone who would receive admonition? 52 Everything they did is in the written records. 53 And everything (that man does), be it small or big, is written down (precisely). 54 Behold, the God-conscious will find themselves in the midst of the Gardens (of Paradise) and running waters; 55 **IN THE SEAT OF TRUTH, IN THE VICINITY OF THE SUPREME SOVEREIGN WHO DETERMINES ALL THINGS.**

Note: - The Paradise is the seat of the truth, wherein the followers of untruth can never get an entry.

SURAH–55. AR-RAHMAAN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 The Most Gracious! 2 It is He Who taught the Quran. 3 He created human being, 4 He taught human being to speak (intelligently). 5 (At His command) the sun and the moon run

on their appointed courses; 6 **AND THE STARS AND THE TREES PROSTRATE (TO GOD).**

Note: - The entire universe is prostrating to its True Lord. It is better for entire mankind too - in prostrating the True Lord of the universe. Mankind is a very tiny part of this universe. The difference between mankind and the rest of the universe is that mankind is going through a trial, that is why it has been given full freedom for choosing the path of submission, or of arrogance, whereas the rest of the universe has no alternative but submission.

7 And the heaven He has raised high, and has set up (for all things) a measure, 8 so that you (too, O man,) may not transgress the measure (of what is right). 9 (But always) measure with justice, and do not give short measure.

10 **AND THE EARTH, HE HAS SPREAD OUT FOR LIVING CREATURES.**

Note: - In the known universe, there is no planet like our earth. The life support system existing on the earth is a planned act of the Creator. There are countless stars and planets in the universe, but our earth is an exception among them. This exception clearly shows that the earth with life support system did not come into existence by a coincidence, but it is a planned act of Super-Intelligent Being - the Almighty.

Scientists have been trying to settle humans on moon and mars for a long time, but there is none in the universe except its Creator - who can establish the life support system on other planets like the earth has got.

The important thing to be noted is that it is not the scientists who have settled humans on the earth, but it is the True Master of the universe Who has established life support system on the earth and settled humans and other living beings on it. That is why - it will always remain a dream to settle humans by humans on other planets.

11 In which there are fruits and palm-trees with sheathed clusters (of dates), 12 and grain having husk, and fragrant

plants. 13 Then which of your Lord's wonders would you deny? 14 He created human being from sounding clay - like the clay of pottery, 15 and He created jinn-being from a smokeless flame of fire. 16 **Then which of your Lord's wonders would you deny?** 17 He is the Lord of two Easts and the Lord of the two Wests (i.e. two points of sunrise and sunset in the summer and the winter). 18 Then which of your Lord's wonders would you deny? 19 He has set the two oceans (of salt and sweet water) in motion, (so that) they meet together, 20 yet there is a barrier between them, which they never cross. 21 Then which of your Lord's wonders would you deny? 22 Out of both of them come forth pearls and coral. 23 Then which of your Lord's boons would you deny? 24 And to Him belong the lofty ships that sail like (floating) mountains through the seas. 25 Then which of your Lord's boons would you deny?

26 **EVERY BEING ON EARTH IS BOUND TO PERISH.** 27 **ONLY YOUR LORD HIMSELF, FULL OF MAJESTY AND GLORY, WILL REMAIN FOREVER.** 28 Then which of your Lord's wonders would you deny? 29 Whoever is in the heavens and the earth entreats Him (for his or her needs). **EVERY DAY (I.E. AT EVERY MOMENT) HE MANIFESTS HIMSELF IN A (NEW) STATE (OF GLORY).** 30 Then which of your Lord's wonders would you deny.

Note: - This is an introduction of the True Master of the universe - Whose glory is limitless and never-ending. Such is the True Lord of mankind.

31 Soon We will attend to you (for judgement), O you two multitudes (of jinn-beings and human beings)! 32 Then which of your Lord's powers would you deny? 33 O assembly of jinn-being and human being! **If you (think that you) can**

pass beyond the realms of the heavens and the earth, then do so. (But) you cannot pass except by a sanction (from Us)! 34 Then which of your Lord's powers would you deny? 35 The flames of fire and smoke will be sent against both of you, then you will not be able to defend yourselves. 36 Then which of your Lord's powers would you deny?

37 (How horrible will it be) when the heaven is split apart, becoming crimson, like red hide! 38 **Then which of your Lord's powers would you deny?** 39 On that Day, there will be no need for any human being or jinn-being to be asked about their sins. 40 Then which of your Lord's powers would you deny? 41 All who were lost in sin will be recognized by their marks, and will be seized by their forelocks and their feet. 42 Then which of your Lord's powers would you deny? 43 (They will be told,) 'This is the Hell - to which the wicked used to give the lie.' 44 They will alternate between its flames and scalding water (heated to the utmost degree). 45 Then which of your Lord's powers would you deny?

46 But for him who (lives his life) with the fear of standing (for account) before his Lord, there are two gardens. 47 Then which of your Lord's boons would you deny? 48 (Both are) with lush branches (of various kinds of trees). 49 **Then which of your Lord's boons would you deny?** 50 In both of them there are two flowing springs. 51 Then which of your Lord's wonders would you deny? 52 In both of them there are two kinds of every fruit. 53 Then which of your Lord's wonders would you deny? 54 (In such a Paradise the blessed will dwell,) reclining on couches lined with rich brocade; and the fruit of both the Gardens will be within easy reach. 55 Then which of your Lord's boons would you deny? 56 In these (Gardens) there are maidens of modest gaze - whom neither any human being nor any jinn-being has ever touched before (the inhabitants of Paradise). 57 Then which of your Lord's

boons would you deny? 58 Those (maidens) are (as elegant) as rubies and corals. 59 **Then which of the favours of your Lord would you deny?** 60 Could the reward of good be anything but good? 61 Then which of the favours of your Lord would you deny?

62 Besides these two, there are two (other) Gardens (for the second category of the God conscious). 63 Then which of the boons of your Lord would you deny? 64 Both (Gardens) are dark green. 65 Then which of the boons of your Lord would you deny? 66 In both of them there are two springs gushing forth? 67 Then which of the boons of your Lord would you deny? 68 In both of them there are (all kinds of) fruits, and palm trees, and pomegranates. 69 Then which of the boons of your Lord would you deny? 70 In these (Gardens) there are excellent and beautiful maidens. 71 Then which of the boons of your Lord would you deny? 72 (There, the blessed ones will live with their companions) - maidens with gorgeous eyes, secluded in pavilions (splendid) - 73 then which of the boons of your Lord would you deny? 74 - (to these maidens) neither any human being nor any jinn-being has ever touched before (the inhabitants of Paradise). 75 **Then which of the boons of your Lord would you deny?** 76 (The inhabitants of Paradise will be) reclining upon green cushions and splendid carpets 77 Then which of the favours of your Lord would you deny. 78 Supremely Blessed is the Name of your Lord - full of Majesty and Glory.

SURAH–56. AL-WAAQIYAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 When the (inevitable) Event (of Doom) comes to pass, 2 there will be none to deny its occurrence. 3 It will debase (some) and elevate (others). 4 When the earth will be convulsed with a (terrible) convulsion; 5 and the mountains will be crushed to pieces, 6 becoming scattered particles of dust.

7 (On that Day, O mankind!) you will be (divided into) three (distinct) groups.

8 So those on the right - how (blessed) are those on the right! 9 and those on the left - how (miserable) are those on the left! 10 And the foremost (in faith and righteousness) will be the foremost (in Paradise). 11 Those (foremost ones) will be the nearest ones (to God). 12 In the Gardens of (perpetual) bliss (they will abide), 13 many from the early generations, 14 but (only) a few from the later generations. 15 (They will be seated) on jewelled couches, 16 reclining on them, facing each other. 17 They (i.e. the inhabitants of Paradise) will be served by eternal youths (i.e. by such boys who will eternally remain young), 18 (serving) with vessels, and jugs, and glasses (filled with pure drink) from a flowing spring, 19 which will neither cause any headache, nor will they feel intoxicated. 20 (They will also be served) with fruits of their choice, 21 and such meat of birds that they may desire. 22 And (with them there will be their mates,) fair maidens with gorgeous eyes, 23 like the pearls well-protected, 24 (all) as a reward for what they used to do. 25

THERE THEY WILL NEVER HEAR VAIN OR SINFUL DISCOURSE, 26 EXCEPT THE (BLISSFUL) WORDS, 'PEACE! PEACE!'

Note: - Paradise is an eternally peaceful world in the true sense of word; where there will be no place for negativity. The people with negativity or violent mentality will never enter Paradise. According to the prophet of Islam, the hearts of inhabitants of Paradise will be like innocent sparrows (i.e. they will be utterly free from all types of negativity).

Those people who are involved in violence with the label of Islam and think that they will get entry into Paradise through the course of violence, in fact, they have been overpowered by the Satan - who is the source of negativity and violence; and he misleads human beings through highly adorned way.

27 Those on the right (i.e. those who had attained to righteousness in the pre-death life), how (blessed) are those on the right! 28 (They will be) in the midst of (fruit-laden) thornless lote trees, 29 and clusters of bananas, 30 and a shade, spread all over, 31 and flowing water, 32 and fruits in abundance, 33 never-ending, nor restricted, 34 and (they will be) on raised couches (with their spouses). 35 Indeed, We have created the spouses (of the inhabitants of Paradise) in a (perfect) creation, 36 making them virgins, 37 loving (companions), well-matched 38 for those on the right (i.e. for those who had attained to righteousness), 39 many from earlier generations, 40 and many from the later generations.

Note: - These verses of the Quran are introducing the Paradise, as well as showing that who may be the deserving candidate for the eternal Paradise, which is full of abundant and eternal blessings. According to the Quran, in post-death eternal life, God will give His Paradise to His chosen servants. The Paradise is totally problem-free, defect-free, boredom-free, pollution-free, corruption-free, etc. In one sentence, Paradise is such a kingdom of God, where any negative thing will never exist. If one wants to be a member of such Paradise, he will have to lead his present life of trial - God oriented. Any orientation other than God will lead him to the eternal Hell - a place where no blessing of God will exist at all.

41 And those on the left, how (unfortunate) are those on the left! 42 (They will be) in the midst of scorching winds and scalding water, 43 and in the shadows of black smoke, 44 neither cool nor refreshing. 45 Indeed, they used to be in luxuries before, 46 and used to persist in heinous sinning, 47 and they used to say, 'Is it that when we die and become mere dust and bones, shall we really be resurrected? 48 And our forefathers as well?' 49 Say, 'Most certainly, the former and later generations (i.e. the entire mankind will be resurrected). 50 (All) will indeed be gathered at an appointed time on a Day

known (only to God).' 51 Then indeed, O you who have gone astray and called the truth a lie, 52 most certainly, you will have to eat from the tree of Zaqqum (i.e. from the tree of bitterness), 53 and will have to fill your bellies therewith, 54 then on the top of that you will have to drink scalding water, 55 and you will drink it like the drinking of the thirsty camels. 56 Such will be their hospitality on the Day of Judgement.

57 It is We Who created you (O people), then why do you not accept the truth? 58 Have you ever thought about (the semen) which you ejaculate (in the wombs)? 59 Is it you who create it (i.e. make that drop of semen into a perfect human being), or is it We Who are the Creator? 60 (O people!) It is We Who have ordained death for all of you; and We cannot be prevented 61 from replacing you with others like you, and recreating you in forms unknown to you. 62 **YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE FIRST CREATION, THEN WHY DO YOU NOT TAKE LESSON?**

Note: - Your existence is an evident fact that you have been created at the first instance. The incident which has occurred for the first time, will it then be surprising if it is repeated? Reflect! There is nothing to surprise as far as its repetition is concerned. If it is to be surprised, the incident occurred for first time can be taken as surprising, but not the repetitive incident.

63 Have you ever thought what you sow (in the ground)? 64 Is it you who cause it to grow, or are We the Cause of its growth? 65 If We so willed, We could (simply) turn your harvest into chaff, leaving you to wonder (and lament), 66 (saying,) 'We have truly suffered a (great) loss! 67 Rather, we have been deprived (of our livelihood)' 68 Have you ever thought about the water which you drink? 69 Is it you who cause the water to

come down from the clouds, or are We the Cause of its coming down? 70 If We so willed, We could make it salty, then (O mankind,) why are you not grateful? 71 Have you ever thought about the fire which you kindle? 72 Is it you who have brought into being the tree (which serves as fuel), or are We the Cause of its coming into being? 73 We have made it as a reminder (of the Hellfire), and a provision for the wayfarers in deserts. 74 So glorify the Name of your Lord - the Ever-Magnificent!

75 But nay! I do swear by the positions of the stars, 76 and behold, it is indeed the tremendous oath, if you but knew - 77 that this is truly a noble Quran - 78 in a well-preserved Record, 79 which none can touch except the pure ones (i.e. angels). 80 **IT IS A REVELATION FROM THE SUSTAINER OF ALL THE WORLDS!** 81 **HOW CAN YOU THEN TAKE THIS MESSAGE LIGHTLY?** 82 And to call the truth a lie, you make your means of livelihood?

83 Then why (do you) not (intervene) when the soul (of a dying person) reaches the throat, 84 while you are (helplessly) looking on? 85 And We are closer to him (i.e. the dying person) than you, but you cannot see (Us). 86 Then why do you not - if you are not going to be recompensed - 87 bring the soul back (i.e. cause the soul to return to the body) if you are sincere (in your claim)? 88 But if he (i.e. the dying person) is one of those blessed with (Our) nearness, 89 then (such a person will have) comfort, and fragrance, and garden of bliss. 90 And if he is one of those who are on the right (i.e. one who had attained to righteousness), 91 then (the angels will say), 'Peace be to you; for being one of those of the right.' 92 But if he is one of those who used to call the truth a lie, and (thus) went astray, 93 then (for him there is) a hospitality of scalding water, 94 and he will burn in Hellfire. 95 This is indeed the absolute truth. 96 So glorify the Name of your Lord, the Ever-Great.

SURAH–57. AL-HADEED

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Whatever is in the heavens and the earth extols the infinite glory of (the One True) God, for He (alone) is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom! 2 His is the dominion over the heavens and the earth; He gives life and causes death, and He is Ever-Powerful over all things. 3 He is the First and the Last; the Manifest and the Hidden; He has full knowledge of everything. 4 It is He Who created the heavens and the earth in six periods, then He established Himself on the Throne (as the Sustainer of the universe). He knows all that enters the earth, and all that comes out of it, as well as all that descends from the heaven, and all that ascends to it. **AND HE IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU ARE (BY HIS KNOWLEDGE); FOR GOD SEES ALL THAT YOU DO.**

Note: - This is an introduction of the One Who, in the true sense of word, is the Supreme Being. The True Lord of the universe - the True Lord of mankind.

5 His is the dominion over the heavens and the earth, and to God all matters are returned. 6 He causes the night to merge into the day, and causes the day to merge into the night, and He has full knowledge of what is (hidden) in the hearts (of people). 7 Believe in God and His messenger and spend (freely, in His cause) out of that in which He has made you successors; for those of you who have attained to faith, and spend (freely in God's cause) will have a great reward.

8 Why is it that you do not believe in God, while the messenger is calling you to believe in (Him-Who is) your (True) Lord, although He has (already) taken a covenant from you? If you are (truly) believers? 9 It is He Who sends down upon His servant clear messages, to lead you out of the darkness (of untruth) into the light (of the truth), for, behold, God is Ever-Compassionate towards you, Most Merciful. 10 Why is it that you do not spend (freely) in the cause of God,

while God is the (sole) inheritor of the heavens and the earth? Not equal are those of you who spent and fought (in God's cause) before the victory (and those who did not do so). They are much greater in rank than those who spent (in God's cause) and fought afterwards. Although God has promised you all - a good reward. He is Ever-Aware of all that you do.

11 Who is it that will give a goodly loan to God, so He will multiply it for him (many times over), and there will be a generous reward for him? **12** On the Day when you will see all the believing men and believing women, with their light (of the truth) will be streaming ahead of them and on their right. (You will hear a voice saying to them) 'Glad tidings for you this Day - Gardens through which running waters flow, abiding therein forever!' That is (truly) the ultimate success!' **13** On that Day the hypocrite men and hypocrite women will beg those who had attained to faith, 'Wait (a while) for us, so that we may have some of your light.' (But) they will be told, 'Go back and seek light (elsewhere)!' And thereupon a (separating) wall will be erected between them (i.e. between the believers and disbelievers); which will have a gate, inside of it there will be grace (and grace only), and the outside of it there will be torment (and torment only). **14** The hypocrites will cry out to those graced, 'Were we not with you?' (To which) the others will answer, 'So it was! But you allowed yourselves to succumb to temptations, and you (eagerly) awaited (some misfortune to befall us), and you doubted (God's promise), and you were deluded by wishful thinking, until the decree of God came to pass. Thus the (great) deceiver (i.e. Satan, became successful in) deceiving you concerning God.' **15** So today no ransom will be accepted from you, nor from those who were bent on denying the truth. Your abode is the Fire; it is the (only) fitting place for you, and worst indeed is that destination! **16** Has the time not yet come for those who have attained to faith that their hearts become humble at the remembrance of God and to the truth that has been revealed?

And that they should not become like those who were given the (divine) Book before them, whose hearts became hardened with the passing of time, so many of them are (still) defiantly disobedient.

17 (But) know that God gives life to the earth after it has become lifeless! We have indeed made Our messages clear to you, so that you may use your reason.

18 Indeed, those men and women who give in charity, and give a goodly loan to God, it will be multiplied for them, and they will have a generous reward. 19 And those who have attained to faith in God and His messengers - it is they who are the truthful and the witnesses in the sight of their Lord, they will have their reward and their light (of the truth will be with them eternally). But as for those who are bent on denying the truth, and bent on giving the lie to Our messages, it is they who will be the inmates of Hellfire.

20 Know that the life of this world is only a play and passing delight, and (momentary) adornment, and mutual boasting, and trying to outrival each other in wealth and children. Its likeness is that of rain, the vegetation which it causes to grow, pleases the sowers; then it dries up, and you see it turning yellow; then it becomes debris. And in the (post-death) eternal life is a severe punishment, or forgiveness from God, and His goodly acceptance.

BUT (O PEOPLE!) THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD IS NOTHING BUT A DECEIVING ENJOYMENT.

21 (Hence,) compete (with one another) in seeking to attain to your Lord's forgiveness and for a Paradise - which is as vast as the heaven and the earth, prepared for those who have attained to faith in God and His messengers. Such is the bounty of God, He grants it to whomever He wills. And God is the Possessor of infinite bounty.

22 No calamity (or blessing) can ever occur on earth, or in yourselves, but it is (already laid down) in Our Decree before We bring it into being. That is certainly easy for (Almighty) God. 23 (We let you know this,) so that you may not grieve for whatever (good) has escaped you, nor exult at what God has given you. For God does not like anyone who is conceited and boastful, 24 nor (does He like) those who are niggardly and urge others to be niggardly. And whoever turns away (from this truth should know that,) indeed, God (alone) is the Self-Sufficient, the Ever-Praiseworthy. 25 Certainly, We sent Our messengers with clear evidence of the truth; and We sent down with them the (divine) Scripture and the balance (i.e. the criterion of justice), so that people may act in all fairness. And We sent down iron, in which there is great might, and benefits for people, and (all this was given to you,) so that God may mark out the one who helps Him and His messengers, though (God and His creation plan are) unseen. Indeed, God is Ever-Strong, Supremely Mighty.

26 Indeed, (to the same end) We had sent Noah and Abraham (as Our messengers), and We had placed in their offspring prophethood and the Scripture; some of their descendants are rightly guided, but most of them are defiantly disobedient. 27 Then We sent Our (other) messengers in their footsteps, and (in the course of time) after them (We sent) Jesus - the son of Mary. We gave him the Gospel, and instilled in the hearts of those who followed him - compassion and mercy. But as for monasticism - We never prescribed it for them, but they invented it themselves, out of a desire for God's goodly acceptance, yet they did not (even) observe it strictly.

So We gave those who believed among them their reward, but most of them are defiantly disobedient.

28 O you who have attained to faith! Remain conscious of God and believe in His (final) messenger, He will give you doubly of His grace, and will provide you a light (of the truth) by which you will walk, and will forgive you (your past sins). For God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 29 (This is,) so that the followers of the (earlier divine) Book should know that they do not have any power over the grace of God, and that (all) grace is in the Hands of God (alone), He grants it whomever He wills. God is the Possessor of infinite bounty.

PART – 28 SURAH–58. AL-MUJAADILA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 (O prophet!) God has indeed heard the talk of the woman who was pleading with you about her husband, and was complaining to God. God has heard the conversation between the two of you. Indeed, God (alone) is All-Hearing, All-Seeing.

2 As for those among you who (sinfully) divorce their wives by equating them with their mothers (for taking divorce they used to say, 'To me you are like my mother's back'). (Let them bear in mind that) their wives are in no way their mothers. None can be their mothers except those who gave them birth. What they utter is undoubtedly detestable and a lie. Indeed, God is Absolver of sins, Most Forgiving. 3 Those who divorce their wives by equating them with their mothers, and thereafter (wish to) retract what they said, must free a human being from bondage (as an atonement) before the couple may touch each other. This is what you are admonished (to do). And God is Ever-Aware of all that you do. 4 But if the husband cannot find the means (to free a slave), then he must fast for two months consecutively before the couple touch each other. But as for him who is not able (to fast), then he must feed sixty needy ones; this (is commanded,) so that you may affirm your (sincere) faith in God and His messenger. These are the bounds

(set by) God; and for those who deny the truth will have a painful punishment (in the eternal life).

5 Indeed, those who oppose God and His messenger will be humiliated, as were humiliated those (evildoers) before them. And We have certainly sent down clear messages. And (so,) for those who deny the truth there is a humiliating punishment. 6 On the Day when God will resurrect them all together and inform them of what they did (in pre-death life), God has taken everything into account, even though they (themselves) may have forgotten it, (for All-Seeing) God is Ever-Witness to everything.

7 Are you not aware that God knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth? **There can never take place a secret consultation among three (persons), but he is the fourth of them, nor among five, but he is sixth of them. Whether fewer or more, but He is with them (by His knowledge) wherever they may be.** Then, on the Day of Resurrection, He will inform them of what they did, (for,) indeed, God has full knowledge of everything.

Note: - This is an introduction of the Supreme One - Who is truly All-Seeing, All-Hearing, i.e. the One True God.

8 Are you not aware of those who were forbidden to hold secret counsels, yet they (always) return to do that which they were forbidden from? They hold secret counsels for sin and aggression, and disobedience to the messenger. And whenever such people come to you, they greet you with words with which God never greets you, and they say within themselves, 'Why does God not punish us for what we say?' Hell is sufficient for them, they will burn therein. What a terrible destination!

9 O you who have attained to faith, when you do hold secret counsel, then do not hold it for sin and aggression, and disobedience to the messenger, rather do so for the cause of

virtue and God-consciousness; and (always) remain conscious of God - to Whom you will all be gathered. 10 (All other kinds of) secret counsels are only inspired by Satan, so that he may cause grief to those who have attained to faith; yet he cannot harm them at all, except by God's leave. So let the believers put their trust in God.

11 O you who have attained to faith! When you are told, 'Make room (for one another) in your gatherings, (spread out and) make room; God will make room for you (in His grace). And if you are told, 'Rise up (now),' then rise up. God will raise in ranks those of you who have attained to faith, and (most importantly) those who have been granted knowledge (of the truth). God is Ever-Aware of all that you do.

12 O you who have attained to faith! Whenever you (intend to) consult the messenger privately, then give something in charity before your private consultation. That is better for you and more conducive to purity. But if you lack the means, (know that) indeed, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 13 Are you afraid of spending in charity before your private consultations (with him)? Since you are unable to do so, (know that) God has turned to you in His mercy, then keep up the prayer and give the purifying dues, and obey God and His messenger. And God is Ever-Aware of all that you do.

14 Are you not aware of those (hypocrites) who take as allies a people upon whom is the wrath of God? They are neither of you (O believers), nor of those (who are bent on denying the truth), they swear to falsehood while they know (it to be false). 15 God has prepared for them a severe punishment (in the eternal life). Evil indeed is what they do. 16 They have made their oaths as a shield (for their falsehood), thus they hinder others from the cause of God, so they will have a humiliating punishment. 17 Neither their wealth nor their children will be of the least avail (in protecting them) against God. It is they who are the inmates of the Fire, they will abide in it forever. 18 On the Day God will resurrect them all, and they will (falsely) swear before Him, as they (now) swear

before you, thinking that they are on firm ground (in their assumptions). No doubt! It is they who are the liars. 19 Satan has taken hold of them, causing them to forget the remembrance of God; they are the party of Satan. No doubt! Satan's party is bound to lose! 20 As for those who oppose God and His messenger, they will definitely be among the most humiliated (on the Day of Judgement). 21 (For) God has thus written (in His Decree), 'I will certainly prevail, both I and My messengers!' Indeed, God is All-Powerful, Supremely Mighty.

22 You can never find any people who (truly) believe in God and the Last Day (and at the same time) take as allies those who oppose God and His messenger, even though they be their parents, or their children, or their siblings, or (others of) their close relatives. It is they in whose hearts God has instilled faith and strengthened them with an inspiration from Himself, and (soon) He will admit them into Gardens through which running waters flow, they will abide in it forever. God is well-pleased with them, and they are well-pleased with Him. They are the party of God, no doubt, it is the party of God which is bound to succeed.

SURAH–59. AL-HASHR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth extols the infinite glory of God. For He (alone) is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 2 It is He Who drove out from their homes at the time of (their) first banishment - such of the followers of earlier (divine) revelation who were bent on denying the truth. You never thought that they would leave. And they thought that their strongholds would protect them against God. But (the decree of) God came upon them from where they never expected, and He cast horror into their hearts; so they destroyed their homes with their (own) hands as well as by the hands of the believers. So take a lesson (from this), O those endowed with insight!

3 If God had not decreed banishment for them, He would have certainly imposed (yet greater) punishment on them in this world. But they will have punishment of the Fire in the (post-death) eternal life. 4 That is because they opposed God and His messenger. And whoever opposes God, then God is truly Severe in retribution. 5 (O believers!) whatever palm trees you cut down, or left standing on their roots, it was all (done) by God's will, so that He may disgrace the defiantly disobedient.

6 And whatever (spoils) God has given to His messenger (taken) from enemy, for this you made no expedition with either cavalry or camelry, but God gives authority to His messengers over whom He wills. And God is Ever-Powerful over all things. 7 Whatever (spoils taken) from the people of the towns God has bestowed upon His messenger, is for God and His messenger, and for the close relatives, and for the orphans, and for the poor, and for the (needy) wayfarers, so that wealth should not circulate only among those of you who are rich. So accept (willingly) whatever the messenger (of God) gives you (thereof), and whatever he forbids you, refrain from it. And remain conscious of God, (for,) indeed, God is Severe in retribution. 8 (Thus, a part of such war-gains will be given) to the poor among those who forsook the domain of evil (i.e. emigrants) - who were driven out from their homelands, and (deprived) from their properties - seeking bounty from God and (His) goodly acceptance, and supporting (the cause of) God and His messenger - it is they who are true (to their word)! 9 As for those who had settled in the city (of Madinah), and (embraced) the faith before (the arrival of) emigrants, they love those who come to them in search of refuge, and harbour no grudge in their hearts for whatever (of the spoils) they (i.e. the emigrants) were given, rather they give them preference over themselves, even though they themselves are needy. And whoever is saved from the selfishness of his soul, it is they who are (truly) successful. 10 And (there is a share also for) those who came (into the faith) after them, praying, 'O our Lord! Forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in faith, and let

not our hearts entertain any unworthy thoughts (or ill feelings) against (any of) those who have attained to faith. O our Lord! Indeed, you are Ever-Compassionate Most Merciful.'

11 Have you not seen the hypocrites who say to those of their truth-denying brothers from among the followers of the (earlier divine) Book, 'If you are driven out (from your homes), we will certainly leave with you, and we will never obey anyone concerning you, and if a war is waged against you, we will surely help you?' But God bears witness that they are truly liars! 12 If they (i.e. deniers of the truth from the people of earlier revelation) are driven out, the hypocrites will never leave with them; and if they are fought against, they will never help them. And even if they did so (hypocritically), they would certainly turn their backs (soon in flight); and then they (i.e. the deniers of the truth) will not be helped.

13 Indeed, your fear in their hearts is greater than their fear of God. That is because they are a people who are devoid of (a real) understanding (of the truth). 14 Even united, they would not (dare) fight against you except (from) within fortified strongholds, or from behind walls. Their hostility towards each other is severe; you think that they are united, yet their hearts are divided. That is because they are a people who do not use their reason.

15 They are like those who were before them in near past, who tasted the evil consequences of their doings; and they will have a painful punishment (in the eternal life). 16 They (i.e. hypocrites) are like Satan, when he says to man, 'Deny the truth!' Then when man denies the truth, Satan says, 'I have absolutely nothing to do with you; I truly fear God, the Sustainer of all the worlds.' 17 Thus, the end of both of them is that they will be in the Fire, abiding therein forever. And that is the recompense of evildoers.

18 O you who have attained to faith! Remain conscious of God; **AND LET EVERY HUMAN BEING LOOK TO WHAT (DEEDS) HE/SHE HAS SENT AHEAD FOR**

TOMORROW, and (always) remain conscious of God, indeed, God is Ever-Aware of all that you do. 19 And do not be like **THOSE WHO FORGOT GOD, SO GOD MADE THEM FORGET THEMSELVES** (i.e. as a result they forgot what is truly good for their own selves). It is they who are the defiantly disobedient. 20 The inmates of the Fire cannot be equal to the inhabitants of Paradise. It is the inhabitants of Paradise who are the successful.

21 If We had sent down this Quran upon a mountain, you would have certainly seen it humbled and torn apart in awe of God. We set forth such examples for people, so that they may reflect. 22 **HE IS (THE ONE TRUE) GOD, THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY OTHER DEITY EXCEPT HIM. He is All-Knower of the unseen (realities) as well as of the seen. He is the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.** 23 **He is (the One True) God, except Whom there does not exist any deity, the Sovereign Supreme, the Most Holy, the (Source of) Peace, the Granter of security, the Protector, the Supremely Mighty, the Subduer, the Supreme One. All-Glory be to God - Who is far above what they associate with Him.** 24 **He is (the One True) God - the Creator (of everything), the Inventor (of everything), the Fashioner (of everything). To Him belong the most beautiful names. Whatever is in the heavens and the earth (constantly) glorifies Him (alone). He (alone) is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.**

SURAH–60. AL-MUMTAHANAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 O you who have attained to faith! Do not take My enemies and your enemies as trusted allies, expressing love

with them, while they are bent on denying the truth that has come to you, (and even though) they have driven out the messenger (of God) and yourselves (from your homelands; simply) because you believe in God - your Lord. If you have left your homes to strive hard in My cause, seeking My goodly acceptance (then do not take them as your allies). How can you disclose secrets (of the believers to the deniers of the truth) showing them friendship? (For) I am fully Aware of all that you conceal and all that you reveal. And whoever of you does that has certainly strayed from the right path. **2** If they gain the upper hand over you, they would be your (open) enemies, and would stretch against you their hands and tongues with evil intent; for they desire that you (too) should deny the truth. **3** But (always bear in mind that) neither your relatives, nor (even) your own children will be of any benefit to you on the Day of Resurrection. (For, then) He will judge between you (all on the basis of merit alone). For God sees all that you do.

4 Indeed, you have an excellent example in Abraham and those who followed him, when they said to their (idolatrous) people, 'We totally disassociate ourselves from you and (shun) whatever you worship besides (the One True) God. We renounce you, and there has arisen between us and you enmity and hatred forever until you come to believe in (the) One (True) God!' The only exception was Abraham's saying to his father, 'I will indeed pray for (God's) forgiveness for you, although I do not have (any power) to do anything for you against God.' (And Abraham and his followers prayed,) 'O our Lord! In You, we have placed our trust, and to You do we turn (in repentance), and to You is the final return. **5** O our Lord! Do not make us subject to the persecution of those who deny the truth; and forgive us, O our Lord! (for) You (alone) are the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.' **6** In them, indeed, you have an excellent example for everyone who looks forward with hope (and fear) to God and the Last Day. And whoever turns away, (let him know that) God is indeed the Self-Sufficient, the Ever-Praiseworthy.

7 It may well be that God will bring about goodwill between you and those of them with whom you are (now) at enmity, (for) God is All-Powerful. And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 8 **For such (of the unbelievers) who did not fight against you on account of (your) faith, nor did they drive you out of your homelands, God does not forbid you from being kind and acting justly towards them. Indeed, God loves those who act justly.** 9 **GOD ONLY FORBIDS YOU FROM BEFRIENDING THOSE WHO FOUGHT AGAINST YOU ON ACCOUNT OF (YOUR) FAITH, and drove you out of your homelands, and supported others in driving you out. And whoever takes them as friends, then it is they who are (truly) evildoers.**

Note: - Without giving any context, it is alleged that the Quran teaches not to make friends to those who are of other faiths. But it is totally baseless allegation.

As far as the injunction about making friends and not making friends is concerned, it is not just a matter of difference of faiths, **but making friendship is prohibited only with those who cause corruption in the land, and are involved in persecuting activities on account of faith.**

10 O you who have attained to faith! Whenever believing women come to you, forsaking the domain of evil (i.e. as

emigrants), then examine (their intentions), (although only) God is fully Aware of their faith; and if you have thus ascertained that they are believers, do not send them back to those who are bent on denying the truth. (Since) these (women) are not lawful to their (former) husbands (i.e. the deniers of the truth), nor are those (deniers) are lawful to these (believing women). But return the deniers what they had spent (on the wives as a dower). And there is no blame on you if you marry them, when you give them their dowers (i.e. bridal dues). And do not hold on to the marriage-ties with the women who (continue to) deny the truth, but ask (their new non-Muslim husbands to pay to you) that (dower) which you had spent (to your previous wives), and they (whose wives have come to you) have the right to demand (the return of) whatever they had spent. Such is God's judgement, He judges between you (with justice, for) God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise. **11** And if any of your wives desert you and join the deniers of the truth (without returning your dower), and later you take spoils from them, then give to those (believers) whose wives have deserted them the equivalent of whatever they had spent (by the way of dower), and remain conscious of God in Whom you believe!

12 O prophet! When the believing women come to you, pledging allegiance to you that (henceforth) they will not associate anything with (the One True) God, nor will they steal, nor will they commit adultery, nor will they kill their children, nor falsely attribute (illegitimate) children to their husbands between their arms and legs, nor will they disobey you in what is right, then (O prophet!) accept their pledge, and pray to God to forgive them. (For) behold, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

13 O you who have attained to faith! Do not take as allies a people with whom God is displeased. They already have no hope for the Hereafter, just like the deniers of the truth lying in (their) graves.

SURAH–61. AS-SAFF

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Whatever is in the heavens, and whatever is on the earth extols (infinite) glory of (the One True) God. For He (alone) is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 2 **O you who have attained to faith! Why do you say that which you (yourselves) do not do?** 3 **How despicable it is in the sight of God that you say (something) which you do not do (yourselves)!** 4 Indeed, God loves (only) those who fight in His cause, in (solid) ranks, as if they were a solid structure.

5 And (remember) when Moses said to his people, 'O my people, why do you hurt me, while you certainly know that I am God's messenger to you?' And so, when they chose to deviate from the right path, God let their hearts deviate (from the truth,) for God does not guide those who are bent on disobeying.

6 And (remember) when Jesus - the son of Mary, said, 'O children of Israel! Behold, I am a messenger of God to you, (sent) to confirm (the truth of) whatever came before me of the Torah, and to give (you) the glad tidings of a messenger who will come after me, whose name will be Ahmad.' But when he (whose coming Jesus had foretold) came to them with clear evidence of the truth, they responded (to his message in these words), 'This is (nothing but) clear sorcery.' 7 And who can be more unjust than the one who fabricates a lie about (the message from) God, while (seeing) that he is (but) being called to submit (to the One True God). But God does not guide the people bent on evildoing.

8 THEY WISH TO EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT OF GOD WITH THEIR MOUTHS, BUT GOD WILL (CERTAINLY) PERFECT HIS LIGHT, EVEN THOUGH THE DENIERS OF THE TRUTH DISLIKE IT.

Note: - The light of the truth was provided by God in entire human history, but majority of people kept denying the truth, as a result, previous heavenly writs could not be preserved as it is. As far as the final revelation i.e. the Quran is concerned, God has willed to preserve it as it is, and thus made available the light of the truth for every human being till the Doomsday. None will ever succeed to put off this light of the truth, even though he hates it.

Due to its preservation, the ideology of the Quran is the only true ideology on the face of the globe now. And none can put off its light.

9 It is He (i.e. the One True God) Who has sent His messenger with guidance and the true religion, so that He may cause it to prevail (ideologically) over all (man-made) religions, however hateful this may be to those who associate others with God (in His divinity).

10 O you who have attained to faith! Shall I guide you to a commerce (i.e. a profitable course) that will save you from a painful punishment? 11 (It is to) believe in God and His messenger, and strive hard in God's cause with your wealth and your lives. That is for your own good - if you but knew it! 12 (If you do so) God will forgive you your sins, and (in the eternal life) will admit you into Gardens through which running

waters flow, and into goodly mansions in the Gardens of perpetual bliss, that is the ultimate success!

13 And another (blessing He will bestow) which you (dearly) desire: help from God (in this world), and a victory soon to come; and (O prophet,) give glad tidings to the believers. 14 O you who have attained to faith! Be supporters of God's cause, as Jesus - the son of Mary, asked the disciples, 'Who will be my supporters for God's cause?' Whereupon the disciples replied, 'We are the supporters for God's cause.' Then some of the children of Israel came to believe, whereas others denied the truth. We then supported those who (truly) attained to faith against their enemies, and (as a result,) they became dominant.

SURAH–62. AL-JUMU'AH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth extols the (infinite) glory of (the One True) God - the Sovereign Supreme, the Most Holy, the Supremely Mighty, the Supremely Wise. 2 It is He Who has raised among the unlettered (Arabs) a messenger from among themselves to convey to them His messages, and to cause them to grow in purity (i.e. the spiritual purity), and to teach them the (divine) Book and wisdom (i.e. the practical application of divine guidance), while they were surely in clear error before that, 3 and (he is also sent to teach) others from among them, who have not yet joined them; for He is the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom. 4 That is the bounty of God (i.e. prophethood), which He grants to whom He wills, for God is (the Source) of infinite bounty.

5 The example of those who were entrusted with (observing) the Torah, but they failed to do so (i.e. failed to fulfil the obligations), is like that of the donkey who carries a load of books (but cannot take benefit from them). How evil is the example of those who are bent on giving the lie to God's

messages! For God does not guide the evildoing people. 6 Say, 'O you who follow the Jewish faith! If you claim that you (alone) are God's chosen (people) out of all humanity, then you should be longing for death, if you are sincere (in what you say).' 7 But never will they long for it, because (they are aware) of what their hands have sent ahead. And God has full knowledge of the evildoers. 8 Say, 'Behold, the death from which you run away is bound to overtake you, and then you will be brought back to Him Who is the All-Knower of the unseen (realities); and (the All-Knower of) the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do. 9 O you who have attained to faith! When the call for prayer is made on the day of congregation, then hasten to the remembrance of God, and leave off all (worldly) commerce, this is for your own good, if you but knew it. 10 And when the prayer is concluded, disperse in the land, and seek from the bounty of God, and remember God much, so that you may be successful.

11 But (it does happen that) when people see some merchandise or entertainment, they (almost all) rush to it, and leave you (O prophet) standing. Say, 'That which is with God is far better than any entertainment or merchandise, and God is the Best of providers!'

SURAH–63. AL-MUNAAFIQOON

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 When the hypocrites come to you (O prophet), they say, 'We bear witness that you are indeed God's messenger!' God knows that you are indeed His messenger, and God bears witness that the hypocrites are truly liars! 2 They have made their oaths as a shield (for their falsehood), and thus they hinder others from the path of God. Evil indeed is what they do. 3 That is because (they outwardly profess that) they have attained to faith, whereas (inwardly) they deny the truth, therefore their hearts have been sealed up, so they cannot understand (what is true and what is false).

4 And when you look at them, their outward appearance may impress you; and when they speak, you listen to their (impressive) speech. (But they are) as if they were pieces of wood propped up (against wall). They think every cry is against them. They are the enemy, so beware of them. (They deserve imprecation,) 'May God destroy them!' How can they be deluded (from the truth)? 5 And when it is said to them, 'Come! The messenger of God will pray for you to be forgiven.' They twist their heads (in disgust), and you see them turning away arrogantly. 6 As for them it is all the same whether you pray that they be forgiven, or do not pray for them. God will never forgive them. Indeed, God does not guide those who are bent on disobeying.

7 It is they who say (to their comrades), 'Do not spend anything on those who are with God's messenger, so that they may desert (him).' But to God (alone) belong the treasures of the heavens and the earth, but the hypocrites cannot grasp (this truth). 8 (And) they say, 'Indeed, when we return to the city (i.e. Al-Madinah), the ones most worthy of honour will surely drive out therefrom those most contemptible ones!' But (the fact is that) to God belongs the honour, and to His messenger, and to the believers, but the hypocrites do not realize (this). 9 **O you who have attained to faith! Let not your wealth and your children distract you from the remembrance of God. For whoever does so, it is they who are the (true) losers.** 10 **And spend (in Our cause) out of what We have provided for you, before death comes any of you, then he would (begin to) say, 'O my Lord! If only you delayed me for a short while, I would give in charity and be among the righteous!** 11 But never does God grant respite to a human being when his (or her, appointed) term comes; God is Ever-Aware of all that you do.

SURAH–64. AT-TAGHAABUN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth extols the (infinite) glory of (the One True) God. His is the Dominion (across the entire universe), and to Him all praise (and gratitude) is due; for He is Ever-Powerful over everything. 2 It is He Who created you, among you are such who deny the truth, and among you are such who believe (in the truth). And God sees all that you do. 3 He created the heavens and the earth for a true purpose, and He fashioned you and formed you so well, and to Him is the final return. 4 He knows whatever is in the heavens and the earth, and He knows whatever you keep secret and whatever you disclose. (For) God has full knowledge of what is (hidden) in the hearts (of people).

5 Has there not come up to you the stories of those who, in earlier times, refused to acknowledge the truth? (They denied the truth,) and so they had to taste the evil consequences of their own doings, and they will have a painful punishment (in the eternal life). 6 That is because (time and again) there used to come to them their messengers with clear evidence of the truth, but they (always) replied (mockingly), 'How can humans be our guides?' Thus they denied the truth and turned away. But God was not in need (of their faith), (for) God is Self-Sufficient, Ever-Praiseworthy. 7 Those who are bent on denying the truth claim that they will never be raised up (from the dead)! Say, 'Why not? By my Lord, you will certainly be raised up (from the dead), then you will be surely informed of whatever you did (in the period of trial). (For) that is easy for God!'

8 So (O people!) Believe in God and His messenger, and in the light (of the truth - i.e. the Quran) which We have sent down (to you). And God is Ever-Aware of all that you do. 9 (Be mindful of) the Day when He will gather you all together on the Day of the (Last) Gathering - that will be the Day of loss

and gain! So whoever believes in God and does righteous deeds, He will efface his bad deeds, and He will admit him into Gardens through which running waters flow, to abide therein forever. That is the ultimate success. 10 But as for those who are bent on denying the truth, and bent on giving the lie to Our messages - they are inmates of the Fire, abiding therein forever. What a terrible destination!

11 No affliction can ever befall (anyone), except by God's will. And whoever believes in God, He guides his heart (to the truth). And God has full knowledge of everything. 12 So obey God, and obey His messenger! But if you turn away, (know that) Our messenger is only responsible for clearly conveying the message.

13 (THE ONE TRUE) GOD - THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY DEITY EXCEPT HIM. SO IN GOD LET THE BELIEVERS PUT THEIR TRUST.

14 O you who have attained to faith! Behold, (even) among your spouses and your children are some who are enemies to you, so beware of them! But if your pardon, and overlook, and forgive them, then, behold, God is Most Forgiving, and Most Merciful. 15 Your wealth and your children are only a trial, but with God is a tremendous reward. 16 So remain conscious of God as much as you can, and listen (to Him), and obey. And spend (in His cause) - it is better for yourselves. And whoever is saved from the selfishness of his soul - it is they who are (truly) successful. 17 (O believers!) If you give a goodly loan to God, He will multiply it for you, and forgive you (your sins). For God is Ever-Responsive to gratitude, Most Forbearing.

18 God is the All-Knower of the unseen (i.e. the realities beyond human understanding) and (the All-Knower of) the witnessed. (He alone is) the Supreme in might, the Supreme in wisdom.

SURAH–65. AT-TALAAQ

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 O prophet! (Instruct the believers:) When you (intend to) divorce women, divorce them considering their waiting period, and reckon the waiting period (carefully), and remain conscious of God - your Lord. Do not drive them out of their homes, nor should they themselves leave - unless they commit a clear immorality. These are the bounds (set) by God - whoever transgresses the bounds (set) by God, then he has truly wronged his own soul. You (the one who divorces his wife) do not know (what will happen in future), it may be that God brings about some new situation thereafter. 2 And when they have reached (the end of) their (waiting) term, then either retain them with kindness, or separate from them in a fair manner. And take as witnesses two just men from among yourselves, and (let the witnesses) bear true testimony for the sake of God. This is admonished to whoever believes in God and the Last Day. And whoever is conscious of God, He will make for him a way (to get) out (from difficulties). 3 And (the one who remains conscious of God,) God will provide for him from where he never expected. Whoever puts his trust in God, He (alone) is Sufficient for him. Certainly God accomplishes His purpose. For God has set a measure (and term) for everything.

4 As for those of your women who have passed the age of monthly courses, if you have any doubt, (know that) then their waiting period is three months, and that will apply likewise to those who have not yet menstruated (i.e. those who have not yet reached puberty). And those who are pregnant, their (waiting) term is until they deliver their burden (i.e. give birth). And whoever is conscious of God, He will make his matters

easy for him. 5 This is the commandment of God; which He has revealed to you; and whoever is conscious of God, He will absolve him of his bad deeds, and will grant him a great reward.

6 (Hence,) let the women (who are undergoing a waiting period due to divorce) live in the same manner as you live yourselves, according to your means, and do not harass them in order to make things difficult for them. And if they are pregnant, then spend on them until they give birth. And if they suckle (the child) for you (after the divorce is finalised), then give them their (due) recompense; and take counsel with one another in a fair manner (about the child's future). And if you fail to reach an agreement (in the matter of suckling the child by mother), then another woman will suckle the child on behalf of the father. 7 Let the man of means spend according to his means. As for the one with limited resources, he should spend according to whatever God has given him. God does not burden any human being beyond what He has given him. (And it may well be that) God will bring about ease after hardship.

8 And how many towns rebelled against the commandments of their Lord and His messengers! So We took each (of them) to account - a severe account; and We punished them with a horrible punishment (never imagined of). 9 So they tasted the evil consequences of their doings, and the outcome of their doings was (eternal) loss. 10 God has (also) prepared for them a severe punishment (in the eternal life). So remain conscious of God, O people of reason - who have attained to faith! Indeed, God has sent down to you a Reminder (i.e. the Quran), 11 (and sent) a messenger who conveys to you God's clear messages, so that He may bring - those who believe and do righteous deeds - out of the depths of darkness (of the untruth) into the light (of the truth). And whoever believes in God and does righteous deeds, He will admit him into Gardens through which running waters flow, to abide therein forever. Indeed, God has prepared an excellent provision for him.

12 It is God Who created the seven heavens, and of the earth the like of them. His command descends between them, so that you may come to know that God is Ever-Powerful over everything. And that God certainly encompasses all things with His knowledge.

SURAH–66. AT-TAHREEM

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 O prophet! Why do you prohibit (yourself from) what God has made lawful for you, seeking to please your wives? And God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful. 2 God has already prescribed for you (O believers) the way to absolve yourselves from your oaths. For God is your Protector, and He (alone) is the All-knowing, the Supremely Wise.

3 And (remember) when the prophet had (once) told one of his wives something in confidence; then when she disclosed it (to another wife), and God informed him of this, (then) he told (the disclosing wife) part of what was disclosed and avoided (mentioning) a part. So when he informed his wife about it, she exclaimed, 'Who has informed you of this?' He answered, 'I was informed by the All-Knowing, the Ever-Aware.' 4 (It will be better) if you (wives) both turn to God in repentance, for your hearts have certainly deviated (from the right path). But if you (continue to) back each other against him (i.e. the prophet, then know that) indeed, God Himself is his Protector, and Gabriel, and all the righteous believers, and (other) angels are his supporters as well. 5 (O wives of the prophet!) It may be that if he divorces you (all), his Lord will replace you with better wives for him - who are submissive (to God), faithful (to Him), obedient, repentant, those who worship (God alone), and who travel (for God's cause) - previously married and virgins.

6 O you who have attained to faith! Protect yourselves and your families from a Fire - the fuel of which is human beings and stones, over it are (appointed) angels, stern and severe,

who never disobey whatever God commands, but (always) do (only) what they are commanded to.

7 (It will be said to the deniers of the truth on the Day of Resurrection,) O you who denied the truth! Do not make excuses today. You are only being recompensed for what you used to do.

8 O you who have attained to faith! Turn (to God) in sincere repentance! It may be that your Lord will absolve you of your evil deeds, and will admit you into Gardens through which running waters flow, that Day God will not disappoint the prophet and those who believed with him. Their light (of the truth) will stream ahead of them on their right. They will say, 'O our Lord! Perfect our light for us, and forgive us. Indeed, You are Ever-Powerful over everything.

9 O prophet! Strive hard against the deniers of the truth and the hypocrites, and be stern with them. And (if they do not repent, then) their abode will be Hell. What a terrible destination! 10 God sets forth an example for those who are bent on denying the truth - the wife of Noah and the wife of Lot. They were under (i.e. married to) two of Our righteous servants, but they both betrayed them, so their husbands could not avail them anything against God, and they both were told, 'Enter the Fire with those who enter.'

11 And for those who have attained to faith God sets forth an example of Pharaoh's wife, when she prayed (to God), 'O my Lord! Build for me a house in Your vicinity in Paradise, and save me from Pharaoh and his (evil) deeds, and save me from the evildoing people. 12 And (God also sets forth the example of) Mary - the daughter of Imraan (for believers), who guarded her chastity, so We breathed into her through Our angel (Gabriel); and she testified to the truth of the words of her Lord and His scriptures, and was one of the devoutly obedient.

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SURAH–67. AL-MULK

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Blessed is He in whose hand is the dominion (of the entire universe), and He is Ever-Powerful over everything. 2 **(IT IS HE) WHO CREATED DEATH AND LIFE IN ORDER TO TEST YOU (AND THUS MARK OUT) WHICH OF YOU IS BEST IN CONDUCT, AND (MAKE YOU REALIZE THAT) HE (ALONE) IS THE SUPREMELY-MIGHTY, THE MOST FORGIVING.**

3 (It is He) Who created seven heavens one above another. **YOU CAN NEVER SEE ANY IMPERFECTION IN THE CREATION OF THE MOST GRACIOUS.** So look again; can you see any flaw? 4 Then look again and again, (and every time) your gaze will come back to you frustrated and exhausted.

Note: - God's every creation is flawless from its very beginning. God creates everything on its final model at the first instance. In God's creation, there does not remain any space for reform or improvement. No doubt, such is the Supreme Creator, the Originator or everything.

5 And indeed, We have adorned the heaven nearest to the earth with (stars, like) lamps, and We have made them (a means) for driving away (eavesdropping) devils. And We have prepared for them the torment of the blazing Fire. 6 And also for those who are bent on denying their (true) Lord is the punishment of Hell, and the destination is (truly) evil! 7 When they are cast into that (Hell), they will hear its (terrible) roaring

as it boils over; 8 as though it bursts up with rage. Every time a group is cast into it, its keepers will ask them, 'Did there not come to you a warner?' 9 They will reply, 'Yes, indeed, a warner did come to us, but We gave (him) the lie and said, 'God has not sent down anything; you are not but in great error.' 10 And they will lament, **'If we had but listened (to those warnings), or (at least) used our own reason, we would not have been among the inmates of blazing Fire!'**

11 Thus they will come to realize their sins, so away with the inmates of blazing Fire! 12 (As against this) behold, those who fear their Lord in the unseen - for them there is forgiveness and a great reward. 13 And (know that) whether you speak secretly or openly, indeed, He has full knowledge of all that is in (your) hearts. 14 How could He Who created not know His own creation, when He (alone) is the Unfathomable (in His wisdom), the Ever-Aware!

15 **IT IS HE WHO HAS MADE THE EARTH SUBSERVIENT TO YOU, SO TRAVEL THROUGH ITS REGIONS, AND EAT OF HIS PROVISIONS. AND TO HIM IS THE RESURRECTION (OF ALL).**

Note: - Some people believe that the earth is worthy of worship, because it provides everything required to human being. But according to the Quran, it is the Master of the universe Who has made the earth to serve human being. And the servant can never be the worthy of worship. He (alone) is Ever-Worthy of worship Who has put the earth at the service of human being.

16 Do you feel secure from Him Who is in the heaven will not cause the earth to swallow you up as it quakes violently? 17 Or do you feel secure from Him Who is in the heaven will not send against you a storm of stones? Only then would you come

to know how (serious) My warning was! 18 And indeed, those who were before them gave the lie (to My warnings), and how terrible was my rejection (of them)!

19 Do they not see the birds above them, spreading out and folding in their wings? None but the Most Gracious sustains them. Indeed, He is Ever-Beholding of everything. 20 Or who is it that will be a host for you to assist you (against danger) besides the Most Gracious? They who deny this truth are but lost in self-delusion! 21 Or who is it that can provide you with sustenance if He withholds His provision? Nay, but they (who are bent on denying the truth) persist in arrogance and aversion.

22 Then who is better guided: the one who walks stumbling and falling on his face, or the one who walks upright on the straight path? 23 Say, '(The One True God is) He Who brought you (all) into being, and endowed you with hearing, and sight, and intellect, (yet) you hardly give any thanks!' 24 Say, 'It is He (i.e. your True Lord) Who has scattered you on the earth; and it is to Him you will all be gathered (on the Day of Resurrection).'

25 Still they ask (the believers), 'When will this promise be fulfilled, if what you say is true?' 26 Say (O prophet), 'God alone has the knowledge of that; and I am only a clear warner.' 27 But when they see the torment approaching closer, the faces of those who were bent on denying the truth will be stricken with grief; and they will be told, 'This is what you were asking for (i.e. this is what you claimed would never come).' 28 'Say (O prophet), 'What do you think, if God destroys me and those who are with me, or He bestows His mercy on us, then who will protect the deniers of the truth from a painful punishment (in the eternal life)?' 29 Say, 'He is the Most Gracious; We have attained to faith in Him, and in Him (alone) we have put our trust; soon you will come to know who is in clear error.' 30 Say (to those who deny the truth), 'Have you ever thought if your water were to sink deep (into the ground), then who (but Almighty God) could bring you flowing water?'

SURAH–68. AL-QALAM

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Noon (i.e. an Arabic letter). By the pen and what they write (with it)! 2 (O prophet,) by the grace of your Lord, you are not afflicted with madness! 3 You will certainly have a never-ending reward. 4 And you are truly (a man) of great moral character. 5 Soon you will see, and they (who now ridicule you) will (also) see, 6 which of you is afflicted (with madness). 7 Indeed, your Lord (alone) is fully Aware of him who has strayed from His path, just as He is fully Aware of those who have found the right path.

8 So do not obey (i.e. do not yield to) those who give the lie to the truth. 9 They wish that you would compromise (with them), so that they would too compromise (with you).

Note: - The truth is not such a thing which can be compromised or changed. It will never change for anyone, no argument can overpower it. If anyone wants to accept the truth, he will have to change himself.

10 Do not yield to any contemptible (person), constantly swearing, 11 a slanderer, who goes about with malicious gossip, 12 a hinderer of good, transgressor, evildoer, 13 cruel, and on the top of all that base-born, 14 simply because he possesses (abundant) wealth and sons. 15 Whenever Our messages are conveyed to him, he says (about Our messages), 'Stories of the former people.' 16 (For his comment) We will soon brand him on the nose.

17 Indeed, We have tried them, as We had tried the owners of a certain orchard, who vowed that they would surely harvest (all) its fruit in the next morning, 18 and made no exception (by

saying, if God wills). 19 Then there came upon it a (destructive) visitation from your Lord (which swept away all around), while they were asleep, 20 so it was reduced to ashes. 21 (When they got up) in the early morning, they called out to one another, 22 saying, 'Go early to your orchard, if you (really) want to harvest the fruit!' 23 So they set out, whispering to one another, 24 saying, 'No poor person should enter your orchard today.' 25 And they left early with determination (thinking themselves) able (to do what they want). 26 But when they saw it (i.e. their orchard in ruined condition), they cried, 'We must have lost our way. 27 Rather, we have been utterly deprived!' 28 The most upright of them said, 'Did I not say to you, 'Why do you not glorify God?' 29 They replied, 'All Glory be to our Lord! We were truly wrongdoers.' 30 Then they turned to one another, blaming each other. 31 They said, 'Oh, woe to us! Indeed, we were transgressors. 32 We trust our Lord will give us a better orchard than this. Indeed, we turn to our Lord (with hope)!' 33 Such is the punishment (with which We try some people in this world); but the punishment of eternal life is indeed much more severe, if they but knew it!

34 Indeed, for the God-conscious are Gardens of bliss with their Lord. 35 Shall We then treat those who submit themselves to Us, as those who are lost in sin? 36 What is (the matter) with you? How (ill) do you judge? 37 Or do you have a Book which tells you, 38 that you will be given whatever you choose? 39 Or have you received solemn promise from Us (which is) binding (upon Us), until the Day of Resurrection, that you will have whatever you decide for yourselves? 40 Ask them, which of them can guarantee (all) that. 41 Or do they have associate-gods (supporting this claim)? Then let them bring forth their associate-gods, if they are sincere (in their claim).

42 On the Day when the shin will be uncovered (i.e. the truth will be laid bare), and they (who denied the truth in the test-period) will be called to prostrate themselves (before God), but they will not be able to do so. 43 Their eyes will be

downcast, utterly covered with disgrace. For they were (always) called to prostrate (in the test-period), while they were (fully) sound (in health, but they chose to reject the call). 44 So leave Me alone (to deal) with such who gives the lie to this message. We will lead such people gradually (to their ruin) in ways that they do not perceive. 45 And I give them respite, but my (subtle) scheme is firm. 46 Is it that you ask them for some recompense (for the message), due to which they are burdened with a debt? 47 Or do they have (the knowledge of) the unseen (realities), so they write it down? 48 So wait patiently for the decision of your Lord (O prophet), and do not be like the man of the whale, when he cried out (to God), in total distress (while inside the whale). 49 If his Lord's grace had not reached him, he would have certainly been thrown onto the barren shore - still blameworthy. 50 But his Lord chose him, making him one of the righteous. 51 Indeed, those who deny the truth would almost cause you to stumble with their (malicious) gazes when they hear (you recite) the Reminder, and they say, 'He is certainly mad.' 52 But it (i.e. the Quran) is simply a reminder to the whole world.

SURAH–69. AL-HAAQQAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 The inevitable Hour! 2 What is the inevitable Hour? 3 And what makes you realize what the inevitable Hour is? 4 (The tribes of) Thamood and Aad gave the lie to (the tidings of) the sudden calamity! 5 But as for Thamood, they were destroyed by a dreadful blast; 6 and as for the Aad, they were destroyed by a furious windstorm, 7 which God imposed upon them for seven nights and eight days, without cease, so you could see the people therein lying dead as if they were trunks of uprooted palm trees. 8 Can you see any trace of them now? 9 And there was Pharaoh, too, and those who came before him, and (the people of) the overturned cities - (all of them) indulged in (grave) sin; 10 and they disobeyed the messenger of

their Lord, so He seized them with an extremely severe seizure. 11 Behold, when the floodwater overflowed, We carried you (i.e. your ancestors) in the floating Ark (with Noah), 12 so that We might make it a reminder (full of lessons) for you, and (that) attentive ears may grasp it.

13 Then when the trumpet (of Judgement) is blown with a single blast, 14 and the earth and the mountains are lifted up, and then crushed with a single blow! 15 Then on that Day the inevitable Event will come to pass; 16 and the sky will split asunder - for it will have become frail on that Day. 17 And the angels will be at its edges. And on that Day eight angels will bear the Throne of your Lord above them. 18 On that Day you will be brought forth (before God for judgement), and none of your secrets will remain hidden.

19 As for the one who is given his Record in his right hand, he will cry (happily), 'Here is my record! (Everyone!) Read it! 20 Behold, I did know that (one Day) I would face my reckoning.' 21 So he will live in a state of bliss, 22 in an elevated Garden, 23 with clusters of fruit within easy reach. 24 (And all who are thus blessed will be told,) 'Eat and drink joyfully (as a reward) for what you sent ahead (i.e. the good deeds) in the past days! 25 But as for the one who is given his record (of deeds) in his left hand, he will cry (bitterly), 'Oh, would that my record had never been given to me, 26 and that I had never known what my account is! 27 Oh, would that (my) death had been my (eternal) end! 28 My wealth has not availed me. 29 My authority has vanished from me.'

30 (It will be commanded,) 'Seize and shackle him, 31 then cast him into the burning Fire, 32 and then fasten him with a chain seventy cubits long. 33 (For,) behold, he did not believe in God - the Ever-Magnificent, 34 nor did he encourage to feed the needy. 35 So today, he has no close friend here, 36 nor any food except the discharge of wounds, 37 none will eat it except the sinners!'

38 But nay! I do swear by all that you can see, 39 and all that you cannot see! 40 Behold, this Quran is indeed the word (brought) by a noble messenger, 41 and it is not the word of a poet (as you claim); (yet) you hardly have any faith. 42 Nor is it the word of a soothsayer; (yet) you hardly receive any admonition. 43 **This (Quran) is a revelation (sent down) by the Sustainer of all the worlds. 44 AND IF THE MESSENGER HAD FALSELY ATTRIBUTED SOMETHING TO US, 45 WE WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY SEIZED HIM BY HIS RIGHT HAND, 46 AND THEN CUT OFF HIS LIFE VEIN, 47 AND NONE OF YOU COULD HAVE PREVENTED (US) FROM HIM!**

Note: - The Quran is not the word of prophet Muhammad, it is purely the Word of God. This verse of the Quran is self-evident of this fact.

48 Indeed, this Quran is a reminder for all the God-conscious ! 49 And We certainly know that among you are such who will give the lie to it, 50 yet, behold, this (rejection) will indeed become a source of bitter regret for all who deny the truth (of God's revelation). 51 And indeed, this (Quran) is the absolute truth. 52 So glorify the Name of your Lord, the Ever-Magnificent.

SURAH–70. AL-MA'AARIJ

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 A challenger demanded the torment which is bound to befall - 2 those who deny the truth, which none can avert, 3 (since it will come) from God - the Lord of the pathways of

(heavenly) ascent, 4 (by which) the angels and the Spirit ascend to Him in a Day, the measure of which is fifty thousand years.

5 SO BE PATIENT - WITH GRACIOUS PATIENCE.

Note: - Who can be such a gracious patient? The one who has reached the upper levels of the discovery of the truth. Such a person cannot be quarrelsome, and reactionary to unwanted and negative situations, because the gracious patient knows that the second person who is being quarrelsome and passing baseless and negative comments is devoid of truth; that is why he is behaving so.

This verse of the Quran clearly shows that patience is not a negative thing; it is highly positive thing, observing patience graciously means thinking positively, going beyond the existing trivial things. The most positive aspect of gracious patience is that it shows you better and peaceful solutions to unwanted situations.

The Quran which teaches gracious patience can never be a supporter of any type of violence.

6 Indeed, they see it as a far off (event), 7 but We see it near! 8 On that Day the sky will be like molten brass, 9 and the mountains will be like (tufted) wool, 10 and no friend will ask about his friend, 11 even though they will be made to see each other. The criminal will wish to ransom himself from the punishment of that Day at the price of his own children, 12 and of his wife, and of his brother, 13 and of his kinsfolk who used to stand by him, 14 and of all (those) who are on earth, (so that) it (i.e. the ransom) could save him (i.e. he will wish to save himself by sacrificing all).

15 By no means! It is a raging Flame, 16 tearing away his skin! 17 It will claim everyone who turned his back (on God) and turned away (from the truth), 18 and amassed wealth and hoarded (it).

19 Indeed, man was created with a restless disposition. 20 When misfortune touches him, (he is) distressed, 21 but when good fortune comes to him, he withholds (it) (i.e. he grows niggardly), 22 except those who (consciously) turn (towards God) in prayer - 23 those who are constant in their prayer, 24 and those in whose wealth, there is a fixed portion 25 for the one who asks (for help), and for the deprived one, 26 and who accept as true the (coming of the) Day of Judgement; 27 and those who are fearful of the punishment of their Lord; 28 (for,) behold, their Lord's punishment is not (a thing) to be taken for granted (i.e. to be unafraid of)! 29 and those who guard their chastity, 30 except from their wives, or those whom they rightfully possess (through wedlock), then they are not blameworthy, 31 but whoever seeks beyond that, it is they who are the transgressors. 32 (The faithful are) also those who are true to their trusts and pledges, 33 and who stand firm in their testimonies, 34 and who take due care of their prayers; 35 those will be in the Gardens - honoured!

36 But what is the matter with those who deny the truth, that they rush (headlong) towards you, 37 from the right and from the left, in crowds? 38 Does everyone of them aspire to be admitted into a Garden of bliss? 39 By no means! (For,) behold, We have created them out of something that they know.

40 But nay! I do swear by the Lord of the Easts and Wests (i.e. the rising points and the setting points of the sun), indeed We are Ever-Capable 41 to replace them with (others) better than they are; and (there is) none who can prevent Us (from doing so). 42 So leave them to indulge in falsehood and amuse themselves until they face their Day (i.e. the Day of Judgement) which they are warned of - 43 the Day they will come out from the graves rapidly, as if they were racing towards a goal-post, 44 with eyes downcast, utterly covered with disgrace. That is the Day they have (always) been warned of.

SURAH–71. NOOH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Behold, We sent Noah to his people (saying), 'Warn your people before there comes to them a painful punishment.' 2 Noah proclaimed, 'O my people! Behold, I am a clear warner to you, 3 (sent to tell you) that worship God (alone) and be conscious of Him, and obey me. 4 He will forgive you your sins and give you respite until an appointed term (known to Him alone). But, behold, when the term (appointed) by God does come, it can never be delayed, if you but knew it!' 5 (After his prolonged work as a prophet) Noah cried, 'O my Lord! I have surely called my people night and day (to the truth), 6 but my calls only caused them to flee farther and farther away (from the truth). 7 And behold, whenever I called them, so that You may forgive them, (but) they thrust their fingers into their ears, and covered themselves with their garments, and grew obstinate, and became (yet more) arrogant (in their false pride). 8 'Then, behold, I called them openly; 9 then, behold, I addressed them publicly and privately; 10 and I said, 'Seek forgiveness of your Lord (for your sins), (for,) indeed, He is Oft-Forgiving. 11 He will send down (rain) from the sky upon you in abundance, 12 and will provide you with wealth and children, and grant you gardens as well as rivers. 13 What is the matter with you that you do not appreciate the Majesty of God, 14 **WHILE HE CREATED YOU IN (SUCCESSIVE AND MEANINGFUL) STAGES?**

> **Note:** - Creation in stages shows that the creation is a planned act; and the planned act shows that behind it there is an Intelligent Creator.

15 Do you not see how God has created seven heavens, one above another, 16 and has set up within them the moon as a light (reflected), and set up the sun as a (radiant) lamp? 17 And God has caused you to grow out of the earth, in a (gradual)

growth, 18 then He will return you into it, and then will bring you out again (on the Day of Resurrection). 19 And God has made the earth a wide expanse for you, 20 so that you may walk along its spacious paths.'

21 (Eventually) Noah cried, 'O my Lord! Behold, they have certainly persisted in disobeying me, and followed (instead) those (elite) - whose (abundant) wealth and children have not increased them in anything except (greater) loss, 22 and who have devised a tremendous plot (against my mission of monotheism), 23 urging (their followers), 'Never forsake your deities, and never forsake Wadd, nor Suwa, nor Yaghuth, nor Yauq, nor Nasr! (These were the names of their main idols).' 24 And indeed, they have led many astray. So (O my Lord!) Do not increase the evildoers except in error.' 25 And so, because of their sins, they were drowned (in the great flood), then they were made to enter the Fire (in the eternal life), and they found none who could help them against God. 26 And Noah had prayed, 'O my Lord! Do not leave on earth a single denier of the truth. 27 For if You leave them, they will certainly mislead Your servants (i.e. those who worship You alone), and they will beget none except sinners and deniers of the truth. 28 O my Lord! Forgive me and my parents and whoever enters my house as a believer, and (forgive) all believing men and believing women (of later times). And do not increase the wrongdoers except in destruction!'

SURAH–72. AL-JINN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Say (O prophet), 'It has been revealed to me that a group of jinn-beings listened (to the Quran,) and they said (to their fellow jinn-beings), 'Indeed, We have heard a wonderful Quran, 2 it leads to right guidance, so we have come to believe in it, and we will never ascribe divinity to anyone besides our (True) Lord; 3 and (we believe) that (Sublimely) Exalted is the Majesty of our Lord - He has taken neither wife, nor a son!

4 **And (now we have come to know) that the foolish among us used to utter (outrageous) falsehoods about God;** 5 **and that We had supposed that human beings and jinn-beings would never utter a lie against God.** 6 And that there were (some) people among mankind who would seek refuge with (some) people among the jinn-kind, but they (only) increased their insolence; 7 **and they (i.e. human beings) had thought, as you (jinn-beings) thought that God would never raise anyone (from the dead for judgement).** 8 (Earlier) we tried to reach the heaven (for news), but we found it filled with mighty guards and flames; 9 and that we used to take up positions there for eavesdropping, but whoever (dares) eavesdrop now will find a flaming fire lying in wait for him! 10 And (now we have become aware) that we (jinn-beings) do not know whether evil is intended for those who are on earth, or their Lord intends for them a right path. 11 And that among us are some who are righteous and some who are otherwise (i.e. some are not on the right path), for we follow divergent paths. 12 **BUT WE HAVE REALIZED THAT WE CAN NEVER FRUSTRATE (THE PLAN OF) GOD ON EARTH, NOR CAN WE ESCAPE HIM BY FLIGHT.**

Note: - This is a statement of jinn-beings - who are believed to be more powerful beings than human beings. But right-minded jinn beings have discovered this truth that there is Only One Being Who is the Supreme in might, the Ever-Powerful, the All-Powerful; and that is God. There is none who can frustrate His plan or overpower Him.

13 And when we heard the guidance (of the Quran), we came to believe in it. **FOR WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIS LORD NEED NOT HAVE FEAR OF LOSS, OR OF INJUSTICE.** 14 Yet (it is true) that among us are some who have submitted to God, just as there are among us some who are deviant. So (as for) those who submitted (to God), it is they who have attained the right guidance. 15 But as for the deviant, they will be the fuel for Hell!

16 (Know,) then, that if they had remained steadfast on the (right) path, **WE WOULD HAVE CERTAINLY GIVEN THEM ABUNDANT RAIN, 17 SO THAT WE MIGHT TEST THEM THEREIN.** But whoever turns away from the remembrance of his Lord, He will make him undergo an overwhelming punishment.

Note: - Rain in abundance simply means various gifts in abundance, because the rain is the source of various blessings. And whatever is gifted in present life is only for test-purpose, not for the reward purpose.

18 And the places of worship are for God alone, so do not invoke anyone along with God. 19 Yet when the servant of God (i.e. prophet) stood up supplicating Him (in prayer), they (who are bent on denying the truth) almost swarmed over him. 20 Say, 'I invoke my Lord alone, and I never ascribe divinity to anyone besides Him.' 21 Say (O prophet), 'It is not in my power to cause you harm, or (bring you to) the right path.' 22 Say, 'Indeed, none can ever protect me from God (if I disobeyed Him), nor can I ever find any refuge besides Him. 23 But (my only responsibility) is to convey (the truth which, I receive) from God and (deliver) His messages.' And whoever rebels against God and His messenger, then indeed, for him there is the Fire of Hell, such (rebels) will abide therein

forever. 24 (Let them, then, wait) until, when they see that (doom) of which they are forewarned, then they will come to know who is weaker in supporters and inferior in manpower. 25 Say, 'I do not know whether that (doom) of which you are forewarned is near or my Lord has set a (distant) term for it. 26 He (alone) is (the) All-Knower of the unseen (i.e. the realities beyond the human understanding), so He does not reveal His (knowledge of the) unseen to anyone, 27 except the messenger whom He chooses, then He appoints angel-guards before him and behind him, 28 to ensure that the messengers (fully) conveyed the messages of their Lord - though He encompasses (in His knowledge) all about them, and keeps count of all things.'

SURAH–73. AL-MUZZAMMIL

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 O you enwrapped one! 2 Stand (to pray) at night, except a little, 3 (pray) half of the night, or a little less, 4 or a little more - and recite the Quran slowly and distinctly. 5 Behold, We are about to send down to you a heavy message.

6 Truly, rising by night (for prayer) is more effective (means of subduing one's base self), and suitable for recitation. 7 For during daytime, you are over-occupied (with missionary activities). 8 But (whether by night or by day, always) remember the Name of your Lord, and devote yourself to Him wholeheartedly. 9 He is the Lord of the east and the west, there does not exist any deity except Him (i.e. there is none worthy of worship except Him), so take Him (alone) as Disposer of (your) affairs. 10 **AND ENDURE PATIENTLY WHAT PEOPLE SAY (AGAINST YOU), AND AVOID THEM IN A GRACIOUS MANNER.** 11 And leave it to Me (to deal) with those who give the lie to the truth - those who live a life of luxury - and bear with them for a little while.

12 Behold, with Us are shackles and blazing Fire (for them), 13 and food that chokes (in the throat), and a painful punishment. 14 On the Day the earth and the mountains will convulse (violently), and the mountains will (crumble and) become like dunes of loose sand!

15 Behold (O people), We have sent to you a messenger to be a witness over you, just as We sent to Pharaoh a messenger (before you). 16 But Pharaoh rebelled against the messenger, so We seized him with a destructive seizure. 17 So, if you persist in denying the truth, how can you protect yourselves against (the horrors of) a Day which will turn children's hair grey? 18 (The Day) when the heaven will be cleft asunder, and His promise (of Judgement) will be fulfilled.

19 INDEED, THIS IS A REMINDER, SO WHOEVER WILLS MAY TAKE A WAY TO HIS LORD.

20 Behold (O prophet), your Lord knows that you stand (in prayer) for almost two-thirds of the night, or half of it, (and sometimes) one-third of it, and (so do) some of those who follow you. And God determines (the measure of) the night and the day. He is fully Aware of that you (all) will not be able to do it, so He has turned to you in mercy. Recite, then, as much of the Quran as you can do with ease (in the night prayers). He knows that there are some among you who may be ill; and others travelling in the land, seeking the bounty of God; and yet others who may be fighting for God's cause. So recite, then (only) as much of it as you can do with ease, and be constant in prayer, and spend in charity, and give a goodly loan to God; **(for,) whatever good deed you send forth for yourselves, you will (surely) find it with God far better and much rewarding.** And always seek (God's) forgiveness. Behold, God is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

SURAH–74. AL-MUDDATHTHIR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 O you (in your solitude) covered up (in your cloak)! 2 Arise and warn! 3 And proclaim the glory of your Lord, 4 and purify your clothing, 5 and shun uncleanliness, 6 and do not do a favour expecting more (in return), 7 **and observe patience for (the sake of) your Lord.**

8 (For) when the trumpet (of Resurrection) is blown, 9 that Day will (truly) be a disastrous Day - 10 it will not be easy for those who deny the truth! 11 And leave Me alone (to deal) with him whom I created lonely, 12 and granted him resources in abundance, 13 and sons (always) in presence (with him), 14 and spread (everything) before him easing (his life), 15 yet he (greedily) desires that I should give (him) even more. 16 By no means! For he has been stubbornly (hostile) towards Our messages. 17 Soon I will force him to endure a painful uphill climb!

18 Behold, (when Our messages were conveyed to the one who is bent on denying the truth,) he reflected and plotted (against Our messages). 19 May he be destroyed, (for) how (evil) he plotted! 20 Again, may he be destroyed, (for) how (evil) he plotted! 21 Then he looked around; 22 then he frowned and scowled, 23 then he turned his back (on the truth), and acted arrogantly, 24 and said, 'This (Quran) is nothing but sorcery initiated from the ancients! 25 This is nothing but the words of a human being!'

26 (Hence,) soon I will make the denier burn in the scorching Fire. 27 And what makes you realize, exactly what scorching Fire is? 28 It leaves nothing and spares none (i.e. it does not let anyone live or die) - 29 scorching the human (skin), 30 it is overseen by nineteen (keepers). 31 **WE HAVE APPOINTED ONLY (STERN) ANGELS AS WARDENS OF THE FIRE (OF HELL).**

Note: - The angels appointed as wardens of Hell will be like robots. They will treat the deniers of the truth mercilessly.

And We have specified their number only as a trial for those who are bent on denying the truth, so that those who were given the (divine) Book (earlier) may be convinced (of the truth of this divine Book); and that those who have attained to faith (in it) may grow yet more firm in their faith; and that (both) they who had been given the (divine) Book (earlier) and they who believe (in this one) may be freed of all doubts; and so that they in whose hearts is disease (of hypocrisy), and they who deny the truth (outright) may ask, 'What does (your) God mean by this number? Thus God lets go astray whom He wills, and guides whom He wills. And none can comprehend the hosts of your Lord except Him alone. **AND THIS IS NOTHING ELSE BUT A REMINDER TO MANKIND.**

32 But no! By the moon, 33 and by the night when it departs, 34 and (by) the dawn when it brightens! 35 Hell is indeed one of the greatest (afflictions), 36 as a warning to (entire) mankind, 37 to whoever wills among you to proceed (by doing good deeds), or stay behind (by falling into sin). 38 **(On the Day of Judgement,) every human being will be held in pledge for whatever he (or she) has done,** 39 (everyone will perish) except for those on the Right (i.e. who had attained to righteousness) - 40 (who will be) in Gardens (of Paradise), there they will be asking one another 41 about the sinners, 42 (who will then be asked,) 'What has brought you into the Fire of Hell?' 43 They (i.e. the inmates of Hell) will reply, 'We were not of those who prayed (and prostrated to God), 44 nor did we feed the needy, 45 and we used to indulge in false argument along with those who indulged in it; 46 and we used to call the Day of

Judgement a lie, 47 until the inevitable (i.e. the death) came to us. 48 So no intercession of intercessors will benefit them.

49 Then what is (the matter) with them that they turn away from the Reminder, 50 as if they were frightened (wild) asses 51 fleeing from a lion? 52 In fact, every person among them desires that he (himself) should be given revelations unfolded! 53 But no! In fact, they (do not believe in the eternal life, that is why) are not afraid of the eternal life. 54 Never! (Their self-styled desire will never fulfilled,) indeed, this (Quran) is a Reminder, 55 so, whoever wills may receive admonition from it. 56 But they cannot do so unless God so wills. (For) He (alone) is most worthy to be feared, the Lord of forgiveness.

SURAH–75. AL-QIYAMAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 I do swear by the Day of Resurrection, 2 and I do swear by the self-reproaching soul (i.e. conscience)! 3 **DOES MAN THINK THAT WE CANNOT REASSEMBLE HIS BONES? 4 YES INDEED, WE ARE EVER-CAPABLE TO RESTORE (EVEN) HIS FINGER-TIPS (AS IT WERE)!**

Note: - This is an introduction of the True Creator of human being. None can give such a statement except the Supremely Mighty.

This statement regarding the resurrection is by the One Who created every human being as a unique personality.

5 But man desires to persist in his evil ways, 6 and asks (mockingly), 'When is the Day of Resurrection?' 7 But (on that Day,) when the sight is dazzled, 8 and the moon is darkened,

9 and the sun and the moon are brought together, 10 **ON THAT DAY MAN WILL CRY, 'WHERE TO FLEE?'** 11 But no! There is no refuge (for you, O man)! 12 On that Day, towards your Lord will be the destination of everyone. 13 **On that Day, man will be informed of everything he sent ahead, and everything he left behind.** 14 **IN FACT, MAN WILL BE A WITNESS AGAINST HIMSELF;** 15 **despite the excuses he may put forward (to cover up his ill-deeds).**

16 Do not move your tongue (O prophet) in haste trying to memorize (the revelation of) the Quran. 17 (For) it is certainly upon Us to make you memorize and recite it. 18 And when We recite it (through Gabriel), follow its recitation (attentively). 19 Then it is surely upon Us to make it clear (to you).

20 **BUT NO! IN FACT, (MOST OF) YOU LOVE THIS FLEETING LIFE (OF THIS WORLD),** 21 **AND NEGLECT THE ETERNAL ONE.**

Note: - Your denial of the post-death eternal life is never based on any sound reason, but the fact is you love immediate gain, that is why you neglect the eternal life - which is bound to come.

22 Some faces will be radiant on that Day, 23 looking towards their Lord. 24 And on that Day, other faces will be gloomy, 25 thinking that there will be done to them (something) back-

breaking. 26 Never, (you will never remain in this world forever!) When (the last breath) comes up to the throat (of a dying person), 27 and it is said, 'Is there any healer (who can save this life)?' 28 While he (who is dying) realizes that it is the (time of) parting, 29 and one leg is joined with another leg (i.e. in a shroud), 30 (O man!) On that Day (you) will be driven towards your Lord!

31 So he (i.e. the denier of the truth) did not accept the truth, nor did he pray, 32 but on the contrary, he gave the lie to the truth and turned away (from it), 33 and then he went to his own people, walking arrogantly. 34 Woe to you (O denier of the truth)! Yes, woe to you! 35 Again, woe to you (O denier of the truth)! Yes, woe to you! 36 **DOES MAN THINK THAT HE WILL BE LEFT IN VAIN (WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTABILITY)?** 37 Was he not once a (mere) drop of ejaculated semen? 38 And then became a (leach-like) clot, then God developed (him) and fashioned (him) in due proportion, 39 and fashioned out of it the two kinds - the male and the female. 40 **IS HE (WHO CREATED YOU) NOT ABLE TO BRING THE DEAD BACK TO LIFE?**

SURAH–76. AL-INSAAN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Has there not been over man a period of time when he was not a thing worth mentioning? 2 Indeed, it is We Who created man out of a drop of sperm intermingled, so that We might test him; so We made him hearing and seeing. 3 **INDEED, WE GUIDED HIM TO THE WAY - (NOW IT RESTS WITH HIM TO PROVE HIMSELF) EITHER GRATEFUL OR UNGRATEFUL.**

4 Behold, for those who deny the truth - We have prepared chains, and shackles, and a blazing Fire. 5 (Whereas,) behold, the (truly) righteous will drink from a cup flavoured with camphor - 6 a source (of bliss) from which God's (righteous) servants will drink, making it gush forth abundantly (wherever they wish). 7 (The truly righteous are) they (who) fulfil their vows, and fear a Day whose horror will be widespread. 8 And they give food (i.e. feed) despite their love for it (i.e. however great be their own want of it) to the needy and the orphan and the captive, 9 (saying to themselves,) 'We feed you only for the sake of God. We desire no recompense from you, nor thanks. 10 Behold, we fear from our Lord a grim and distressful Day.' 11 So God will protect them from the horror of that Day, and grant them radiance and delight, 12 and reward them for their steadfastness with a Garden (of bliss) and (garments of) silk. 13 There (they will be) reclining on (adorned) couches, neither feeling scorching heat, nor freezing cold. 14 Since its (blissful) shades will spread above them, and clusters of fruit will be made within their (easy) reach. 15 And there will be circulated among them vessels of silver, and cups of crystal - 16 (transparent as) glass, (but made) of silver, filled precisely as desired.

17 And therein they will be given a cup to drink flavoured with ginger, 18 from a (flowing) spring called 'Salsabil.' 19 They will be attended by (such) boys - who are blessed with eternal youth. If you see them, you would think them to be like scattered pearls; 20 **and wherever you look (in Paradise), you will see (only) blessings, and great kingdom (of God).** 21 The inhabitants (of Paradise) will be (dressed) in garments of fine green silk and rich brocade. And they will be adorned with bracelets of silver; and their Lord will give them to drink - a pure drink. 22 (And they will be told,) 'Indeed, this is your reward, and your efforts have been appreciated.'

23 Indeed, it is We Who have revealed the Quran to you (O prophet) in stages. 24 So be patient for the decision of your Lord, and do not obey any sinner or ungrateful from among them. 25 And (always) remember the Name of your Lord morning and evening, 26 and (during part) of the night prostrate yourself before Him, and extol His glory for a long (part of) the night. 27 Behold, they (who are deniers of eternal life) love immediate gains (i.e. this fleeting life), (totally) neglecting a heavy Day ahead of them. 28 It is We Who created them, and strengthened their forms, but if We will, We can easily replace them with others like them. 29 **INDEED, THIS QURAN IS A REMINDER. SO WHOEVER WILLS MAY TAKE A PATH TO HIS LORD.** 30 **But you cannot will (to do so) unless God wills (i.e. unless He finds you deserving for the right path). Indeed, God is All-Knowing, Supremely Wise.**

Note: - In this life of test, man has to become a true seeker for the truth, when God finds man a true seeker for the truth, and deserving for the guidance, then only He will show man the path of true and eternal success.

31 He admits to His grace whomever He wills. As for the evildoers, He has prepared for them a painful punishment (in the eternal life).

SURAH–77. AL-MURSALAAT

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 By those (winds) sent forth one after another, 2 and those blowing violently, 3 and (by) those scattering (rainclouds) far

and wide, 4 and by those (angels) who separate (the truth from falsehood) distinctly, 5 and by those who bring down the Reminder, 6 leaving no excuse or giving warning -

7 BEHOLD, WHAT YOU ARE PROMISED WILL SURELY COME TO PASS.

8 So when the stars are extinguished, 9 and when the heaven is cleft asunder, 10 and when the mountains are scattered like dust, 11 and when all the messengers are assembled at the appointed time, 12 for what Day are these (signs) postponed? 13 For the Day of Judgement. 14 And what makes you realize what the Day of Judgement is?

15 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH!

16 Did We not destroy the former people (who gave the lie to the truth)? 17 Then We will make the later deniers follow them. 18 This is how We deal with the criminals.

19 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

20 Did We not create you from a liquid disdained, 21 then We placed it in a safe repository (i.e. in the womb) 22 until an appointed term? 23 Thus We (perfectly) ordained (its development). How Excellent are We in doing so!

24 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

25 Have We not made the earth a homestead 26 for the living and the dead, 27 and placed therein firm towering mountains, and given you to drink sweet water?

28 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

29 (The deniers will be told,) 'Proceed to that (Fire) which you used to call a lie! 30 Proceed into the shade (of smoke)

which rises in three columns, 31 that provides neither (cooling) shade, nor protection from the flames. 32 Indeed, it throws up sparks (as huge) as towers, 33 (Which seem) as if they were yellowish camels.'

34 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

35 On that Day they will not (be in a position to) utter a word, 36 nor will they be allowed to put forth excuses.

37 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

38 (On that Day it will be said to the deniers,) 'This is the Day of Judgement, We have assembled you all together along with the earlier generations. 39 So if you have any scheme, then plot it against Me.'

40 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

41 (As against this,) behold, (today) the God-conscious will dwell amidst (cooling) shades and springs, 42 and (amidst) the fruits such as they desire. 43 (And they will be told,) 'Eat and drink joyfully, (as a reward) for what you used to do.' 44 Behold, this is how We reward those who do good with excellence.

45 (BUT) WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

46 (O you who give the lie to the truth!) Eat and enjoy your life for a little while, indeed, you are criminals!

47 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

48 When it is said to them, 'Bow down (i.e. submit to God's commands), they do not bow down.

49 WOE ON THAT DAY TO THOSE WHO GIVE THE LIE TO THE TRUTH.

50 NOW, IN WHICH MESSAGE WILL THEY BELIEVE AFTER (DENYING) THIS (MESSAGE OF THE TRUTH)?

Note: - The Quran is the preserved word of God, i.e. the preserved truth. None can get the truth after denying the preserved word of God. Absolutely not!

PART – 30

SURAH–78. AN-NABA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 About what are they asking one another? 2 About the momentous news (of Resurrection), 3 about which they are in disagreement. 4 But no! They will soon come to know (it)! 5 Again, no! They will soon come to know! 6 Have We not made the earth a resting-place, 7 and (made) the mountains as (its) pegs? 8 And We have created you in pairs; 9 and We have made your sleep (a means) for rest; 10 and made the night as (its) cover, 11 and made the day for (seeking) livelihood. 12 And We have built above you seven strong (heavens), 13 and set (therein the sun -) a lamp full of blazing splendour. 14 And from the rain- clouds We send water pouring down in abundance, 15 so that We may produce thereby grains and vegetation, 16 and orchards dense with foliage. 17 Indeed, the Day of Judgement is an appointed time - 18 (it is) the Day when the trumpet is blown, and you will (all) come forth in crowds, 19 and the sky will be (split) open, becoming many gates,

20 and the mountains will be blown away, becoming (like) a mirage (as if they had never existed). 21 Indeed, Hell is lying in wait (for those who deny the truth) - 22 as a destination for the transgressors, 23 where they will abide for (endless) ages. 24 There they will neither taste any coolness nor any (thirst-quenching) drink, 25 except scalding water and a stinking fluid - 26 an appropriate recompense (for their sins)! 27 Behold, they did not expect to be called to account, 28 having given the lie to Our messages one and all. 29 But We have precisely recorded every single thing (of what they did). 30 (So the deniers will be told,) 'Taste now (the fruit of your evil doings,) for We will never increase you except in torment!'

31 (But,) for the God-conscious there is indeed supreme success - 32 Gardens and vineyards, 33 and splendid companions, well-matched, 34 and cups filled up to the brim (with fruit juices). 35 They will never hear therein any vain talk or falsehood. 36 (All this will be) a (fitting) reward and a generous gift from your Lord (according to the best of their good deeds), 37 (from) the Lord of the heavens and the earth and everything in between them - the Most Gracious! (On the Day of Resurrection, except after His leave) no one will dare to speak to Him. 38 On the Day when the Spirit (i.e. Gabriel) and the angels rise up in ranks, **THEY WILL NOT SPEAK, EXCEPT FOR THE ONE WHOM THE MOST GRACIOUS GIVES PERMISSION, AND HE WILL SPEAK (ONLY) WHAT IS THE TRUTH.**

Note: - The Granter of permission knows beforehand who will speak what - when the permission is granted. The important thing is that in the court of the Almighty, none can speak except the truth, if he is permitted to speak.

This verse of the Quran introduces the One - Who is Truly Almighty, as well as the coming of an inevitable Day - when only the truth will prevail and all types of untruth will permanently vanish.

39 That Day is sure to come. So whoever wills, then, let him take the path that leads towards his Lord. 40 Indeed, We have warned you of a punishment (that is) near, on that Day everyone will (clearly) see (the consequences of) what his hands have sent ahead; and he who had denied the truth will cry, 'Oh, would that I were dust!'

SURAH–79. AN-NAAZIAAT

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 By those (angels) stripping out (the souls of the wicked) harshly, 2 and those who draw out (the souls of the blessed) smoothly, 3 and by those who glide swiftly, 4 and those who overtake one another as in a race, 5 and by those conducting affairs (obediently)! 6 (Be mindful of) the Day when a violent convulsion convulses (the entire world), 7 followed by the subsequent (convulsion)! 8 On that Day, (the deniers') hearts will be trembling (in horror), 9 and their eyes will be downcast. 10 (But now) they ask (mockingly), 'Shall we really be restored to our former state (of life), 11 even after we have turned into decayed bones?' 12 (And) they say (mockingly), 'Then, that would be a return with a (great) loss! 13 In fact, it will only be a single Blast, 14 and at once they all will find themselves over the earth alive (after their death). 15 Has there come to you the story of Moses, 16 when his Lord called out to him in the sacred valley of Tuwa? 17 (Commanding,) 'Go to Pharaoh, for he has truly transgressed (all bounds of what is right).' 18 And say (to him), 'Are you willing to be purified? 19 (If so,) then I will guide you to your Lord, so that (henceforth) you would stand in awe (of Him).'

20 Then Moses (went to Pharaoh and) showed him the great wonder (of Almighty). 21 But (Pharaoh) gave him the lie and rebelliously rejected (the guidance), 22 then he turned his back, striving hard (against the truth), 23 then he gathered (his people) and proclaimed, 24 saying, 'I am your lord, the most

exalted.' 25 So God seized him in an exemplary punishment of both the next world and the present. 26 Behold, there is indeed a lesson in this for the one who fears (God).

27 **(O PEOPLE!) ARE YOU MORE DIFFICULT TO CREATE OR THE HEAVEN WHICH HE BUILT?**

Note: - This question is actually from a human perspective. Otherwise, both the creation of the universe as well as the resurrection of human beings is easy for Almighty God. Nothing is difficult for Him.

28 He raised the heaven high and proportioned it, 29 and darkened its night, and brought out its daylight. 30 As for the earth, He spread it out as well, 31 bringing forth from it its water and pasture, 32 and set the mountains firmly (upon it) - 33 (and all this life support system) as a means of livelihood for you and your cattle. 34 But when the great overwhelming event (of Resurrection) comes to pass, 35 on that Day man will remember all what he did, 36 and the blazing Fire (of Hell) will be exposed for (all) to see - 37 **THEN FOR THE ONE WHO TRANSGRESSED (THE BOUNDS OF WHAT IS RIGHT), 38 AND PREFERRED THE (FLEETING) LIFE OF THIS WORLD, 39 THEN INDEED, THE BLAZING FIRE WILL BE (HIS ETERNAL) ABODE. 40 BUT AS FOR HIM WHO FEARED TO STAND BEFORE HIS LORD AND RESTRAINED HIMSELF FROM VAIN DESIRES, 41 THEN INDEED, PARADISE WILL BE HIS (ETERNAL) ABODE.** 42 They ask you (O prophet) about the Last Hour, 'When will it take place?' 43 (But) how could you tell anything about it? 44 Its knowledge rests only with your Lord. 45 You (O prophet) are only a warner for those who fear it. 46 On the Day when they see it, (it will seem to them) as if they had stayed (in the pre-death world) no longer than one evening or its morning.

SURAH–80. A'BASA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 He (i.e. the prophet) frowned and turned away, 2 (simply) because there came to him the blind man (interrupting). 3 How would you know, perhaps he might be purified (i.e. grown in spiritual understanding), 4 or that he might receive admonition, and that the admonition might benefit him? 5 But as for him who was indifferent, 6 you (eagerly) attended him, 7 although you are not to be blamed if he does not purify himself (of false thoughts). 8 But as for him who came to you, eager (to learn), 9 while he fears (God), 10 to him you were inattentive. 11 Never! (You should never act in this way,) indeed, this (Quran) is a reminder, 12 so whosoever is willing may pay heed to it - 13 it is (written) on pages highly honoured, 14 exalted and purified, 15 by the hands of angel-scribes, 16 honourable and dutiful scribes.

17 Woe to man (who denies the truth)! How ungrateful he is! 18 (Does man ever think) out of what substance God creates him? 19 From a sperm-drop, He creates him, and proportions him, 20 and then makes it easy for him to go through life; 21 and in the end He causes him to die, and brings him to the grave; 22 then when He wills, He will resurrect him. 23 But no! (Man) has not fulfilled what He commanded him. 24 Then let man contemplate (the sources of) the food (he eats), 25 (and contemplate how) We pour down rain in abundance, 26 and then We cleave the earth, splitting (it with sprouts), 27 and then We cause the grain to grow therein, 28 and grapes and herbage, 29 and olives and palm trees, 30 and orchards dense with foliage, 31 and fruits and fodder 32 (as) a provision for you and for your cattle. 33 But when the Deafening Blast occurs, 34 on that Day every person will flee from his own siblings, 35 and (even) from his mother and father, 36 and from his wife and his children, 37 on that Day everyone of them will have enough concern (of his own) to make him heedless (of others). 38 On

that Day some faces will be bright (with happiness), 39 laughing, rejoicing (at glad tidings); 40 while other faces, on that Day will be covered with dust (upon them), 41 darkness (i.e. remorse) will cover them - 42 it is they who are the deniers of the truth, the wicked ones.

SURAH–81. AT-TAKWEER

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 When the sun is put out, 2 and when the stars lose their light, 3 when the mountains are made to pass away, 4 and when full-term she-camels (which are about to give birth i.e. the most precious things for nomadic Arabs) are left untended, 5 and when the wild animals are gathered together, 6 and when the seas boil over, 7 when all human beings are divided into different categories, 8 when the baby girl (who was) buried alive is asked, 9 for what crime she was killed, 10 when the records (of people's deeds) are laid open, 11 when the sky is unveiled, 12 and when the Hellfire is set ablaze, 13 and when Paradise is brought near, 14 then every human being will come to know what he/she has prepared (for himself/herself).

15 I do swear by the receding stars - 16 (the stars) that run their course and set, 17 and by the night when it departs, 18 and by the dawn when it breathes (i.e. brightens). 19 Indeed, this (Quran) is a word (brought by) a noble messenger (i.e. Gabriel) - 20 endowed with strength, having an honourable place with the Lord of the Throne (i.e. the Lord of the dominion of the universe), 21 the one who is obeyed (by other angels), and is trustworthy as well! 22 (O people of Makkah!) Your companion (i.e. prophet Muhammad) is not possessed. 23 He did see him (i.e. the angel 'Gabriel') on the clear horizon; 24 and he (i.e. the prophet) does not withhold (the knowledge of) the unseen (revealed to him). 25 This (Quran) is not the word of an accursed Satan. 26 So what (other) path would you take? 27

THIS (QURAN) IS NOTHING ELSE BUT A

REMINDER TO ALL MANKIND - 28 for whoever wills among you to take the straight path. 29 But you cannot will it unless God, the Lord of the universe, so wills it (to show you that path).

SURAH–82. AL-INFITAAR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 When the sky is cleft asunder, 2 and when the stars are scattered, 3 and when the seas burst beyond their bounds, 4 and when the graves are overturned, 5 every human being will (then) come to know what he (or she) has sent ahead, and left behind (in this world). 6 **O MAN! WHAT HAS DECEIVED YOU CONCERNING YOUR LORD - THE MOST GRACIOUS,** 7 Who created you, then fashioned you, and proportioned you, 8 and assembled you in whatever form He willed?

9 But no! In fact, you give the lie to the (final) Judgement, 10 while you are certainly observed by vigilant, 11 honourable scribes (recording everything), 12 they know whatever you do. 13 Behold, (in the eternal life) the truly virtuous will indeed be in bliss, 14 whereas, the wicked will indeed be in the blazing Fire, 15 in which they will enter on the Day of Justice, 16 and they will have no escape from it. 17 But what makes you realize what the Day of Justice is? 18 And once again what makes you realize what the Day of Justice is? 19 (It is) the Day when no human being will be of the least avail to another human being,

FOR ALL AUTHORITY ON THAT DAY BELONGS TO GOD ENTIRELY.

SURAH–83. AL-MUTAFFIFEEN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Woe to the defrauders - 2 those who take full measure when they take from others, 3 but when they give by measure or by weight to others, they give them less (than due). 4 Do such people not think that they are bound to be resurrected, 5 (and will be called to account) on a tremendous Day - 6 the Day when (entire) mankind will stand before the Sustainer of the universe?

7 Never! (They should never act in such a way.) The record of the sinners is surely in the Sijjin! 8 And what makes you realize what the Sijjin is? 9 It is a written record (i.e. indelibly inscribed)! 10 Woe on that Day to those who give the lie to the truth - 11 those who give the lie to (the coming of) the Day of Reckoning, 12 (for) no one can give the lie to it except every sinful transgressor. 13 (And so,) whenever Our messages are conveyed to him, he but says, 'Stories of the former people.' 14 Not at all! But (the fact is that) the hearts of such people have been stained by what they used to do! 15 Not at all! Indeed, on that Day, they will be debarred from (the grace of) their Lord; 16 then, behold, they will (enter and) burn in Hellfire, 17 then it will be said (to them), 'This is the (very thing) to which you used to give the lie!' 18 But no! Indeed, the record of the (truly) virtuous will be in the Illiyin (i.e. it will be set down in a mode most lofty)! 19 And what makes you realize what the Illiyin is? 20 A written record (i.e. indelibly inscribed), 21 which is witnessed by those (angels) who are blessed with nearness to God! 22 Behold, (in the eternal life) the (truly) virtuous will indeed be in bliss; 23 (reclining) on the couches (of Paradise), and will be observing (the wonders of God), 24 upon their faces you will see the glow of bliss. 25 They will be served with a pure sealed wine (i.e. a fruit juice) to drink, 26 its seal will be of musk, **(SUCH IS THE PARADISE -**

FULL OF ETERNAL BOONS) THIS IS WHAT COMPETITORS SHOULD COMPETE FOR.

27 And its mixture will be of Tasneem (i.e. composed of all that is most exalting) - 28 a spring from which those who are close to God will drink. 29 Behold, the wicked used to laugh at those who attained to faith; 30 and whenever they passed by them, they used to wink at one another (derisively); 31 and when they returned to their own people, they would return (speaking about believers) jestingly, 32 and when they saw those (who attained to faith,) they would say, 'Behold, these (people) have indeed gone astray!' 33 But they had not been sent as guardians over them. 34 But this day (i.e. on the Day of Justice), they who had attained to faith will be laughing at the deniers of the truth, 35 (while sitting) on the couches, and will be looking around (at the boons of Paradise), 36 (and asking one another,) 'Have those who denied the truth (not) been paid back for what they used to do?'

SURAH–84. AL-INSHIQAAQ

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 When the sky is cleft asunder, 2 obeying its Lord as it must, 3 and when the earth is levelled out, 4 and casts out whatever is in it, and becomes utterly empty, 5 obeying its Lord, and it must; 6 **O MAN! INDEED, YOU ARE RETURNING TOWARDS YOUR LORD (WITH YOUR DEEDS - GOOD OR EVIL), A SURE RETURNING, AND YOU WILL MEET HIM.**

7 So, as for him whose record (of deeds) is placed in his right hand, 8 he will be reckoned with by an easy reckoning, 9 and he will return to his people joyfully. 10 But as for him whose record (of deeds) will be given to him from behind his back, 11 he will cry out for utter destruction, 12 and he will enter the blazing Fire. 13 **Behold, (in the trial-period) he used to live among his family joyfully (neglecting God and His creation plan),** 14 **(for,) behold, he had thought that he would never return (to God).** 15 **Yes, indeed (he would), his Lord had been ever-beholding him.** 16 But nay! I do swear by the twilight glow, 17 and by the night and whatever it covers (in darkness), 18 and by the moon when it becomes full, 19 (that O man,) you will surely pass from one state to another. 20 So what is the matter with them that they do not believe, 21 and when the Quran is recited to them, they do not fall down in prostration? 22 In fact, those who are bent on denying the truth give the lie (to this divine Book). 23 But God has full knowledge of whatever they harbour in their hearts. 24 So give them the tidings of a painful punishment (in the eternal life). 25 But those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds will have a never-ending reward!

SURAH–85. AL-BUROOJ

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 By the sky full of constellations, 2 and by the promised Day (of Judgement), 3 and by the bearer of witness, and by the one against whom the witness is borne. 4 Destroyed were the people of the trench - 5 containing the fire full of fuel, 6 when they sat around it, 7 and were themselves the witnesses of what they performed against the believers, 8 whom they hated for no other reason than that they believed in (the One True) God - the Supremely Mighty, the One to Whom all praise (and gratitude)

is due, 9 to Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth. And God is Witness over all things. 10 As for those who persecute believing men and women, and then do not repent, will certainly suffer the punishment of Hell and the torment of the burning. 11 (But,) indeed, they who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, will (in the eternal life) have Gardens through which running waters flow. That is the supreme success. 12 The seizure of your Lord is severe indeed! 13 Behold, it is He Who originates (the creation) then repeats it. 14 And He (alone) is the Most Forgiving, the Most Affectionate - 15 the Lord of the Throne (of universal dominion), the Ever-Glorious - 16 a Sovereign Doer of whatever He wills. 17 Has there reached you the story of the (destroyed) hosts, 18 (the hosts) of Pharaoh, and of (the tribe of) Thamood (i.e. the tidings of the outcome of their arrogance)? 19 Yet those who are bent on denying the truth - are (engaged) in (the act of persistently) giving the lie to the truth, 20 but God encompasses them (with His knowledge and might) from all sides (without their being aware of it). 21 In fact, this is a Glorious Quran - 22 (inscribed) upon an Imperishable Tablet.

SURAH–86. AT-TAARIQ

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 By the heaven and the night visitant (i.e. night-comer bright star)! 2 And what makes you realize what the night visitant is? 3 It is the piercing (bright) star! 4 There is no human being but has a guardian (angel) over him (or her, recording everything). 5 So let man reflect on what he was created from! 6 He was created from a fluid ejected, 7 emerging from between the backbone and the ribs. 8 Indeed, He (Who thus creates human being for the first time) is Ever-Able to bring him back (to life). 9 On the Day when all secrets are disclosed, 10 then man will neither have any power, nor any helper! 11 By the sky which gives rain with recurring cycle, 12 and (by) the earth which splits (with plants)! 13 Behold, this (Quran) is a

decisive word (that separates the truth from the falsehood); 14 and it is not for amusement (i.e. it is not to be taken lightly). 15 Behold, they (who refuse to accept it) are devising a plan. 16 And I am also devising a plan (which will surely bring their plan to nothing). 17 So bear with the deniers of the truth, and give respite to them (for) a little while.

SURAH–87. AL-A'LAA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Glorify the Name of your Lord - the Most Exalted, 2 Who creates (everything), and then proportions it (in accordance with what it is created for), 3 and Who determines (the nature of all that exists), and then guides it (towards its fulfilment), 4 and Who brings forth the herbage, 5 and (then) makes it into dark stubble. 6 We will make you recite (the Quran), then you will not forget (any of it), 7 except whatever God wills - for, indeed, He knows both what is manifest and what is hidden. 8 And We will make easy for you (the path) towards the (ultimate) ease. 9 So always remind (with the Quran), even if the reminder benefits (only to some). 10 The one who fears (God) will pay heed (to it). 11 But it will be avoided by the most wretched - 12 he who (in the eternal life) will (enter and) burn in great Fire.

13 WHEREIN HE WILL NEITHER DIE NOR LIVE.

Note: - In the Hell, life will be like that fish - which will be kept alive, but devoid of water. Hell is the place entirely devoid of all the blessings of God. Hell is the place of eternal suffocation.

14 SUCCESSFUL INDEED IS HE WHO PURIFIES HIMSELF, 15 and remembers the name of his Lord, and

offers prayer. 16 **BUT YOU (DENIERS ONLY) PREFER THE LIFE OF THIS WORLD,** 17 **ALTHOUGH THE POST-DEATH LIFE IS FAR BETTER AND MORE LASTING.** 18 **Indeed, (all) this had been (taught) in the earlier (divine) scriptures,** 19 **the scriptures of Abraham and Moses.**

Note: - All the prophets of God gave the very message that man's true and eternal life is the post-death life. But man has been giving the priority only to present fleeting life. This is sheer blindness on behalf of man.

SURAH–88. AL-GHAASHIYAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Has there reached you the news of the Overwhelming (Event)? 2 On that Day, (some) faces will be downcast, 3 toiling (under burdens of sin), exhausted (by fear), 4 they will (enter to) burn in a scorching Fire. 5 They will be made to drink from a boiling spring, 6 and they will have no food except bitter thorny plants, 7 which will neither nourish, nor satisfy hunger. 8 (And other) faces on that Day will be glowing with bliss, 9 well-pleased with (the outcome of) their striving (of pre-death life), 10 (they will be) in a lofty Garden, 11 wherein they will not hear any vain talk. 12 In it there is a flowing spring, 13 and in it there are couches raised high, 14 and cups set at hand, 15 and (fine) cushions set in rows, 16 and (splendid) carpets spread out. 17 Do they not ever reflect on the camels - how they were (masterfully) created, 18 and on the heaven - how it was raised

high, 19 and on the mountains - how they were firmly set up, 20 and on the earth - how it was spread out? 21 So (O prophet,) keep admonishing them, your duty is only to admonish. 22 (O prophet,) you are not a taskmaster over them (i.e. you are not there to compel them to believe). 23 But whoever turns away, persisting in denial of the truth, 24 God will cause him to suffer the greatest punishment (in the eternal life). 25 Surely, it is to Us that they have to return, 26 then surely, it is upon Us rests their reckoning.

SURAH–89. AL-FAJR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 I swear by the dawn, 2 and by the ten nights, 3 and by the even and the odd, 4 and by the night when it passes! 5 Is there (not) in all this - a strong evidence (of the truth) for a rational person? 6 Are you not aware of how your Lord dealt with (the tribe of) Aad, 7 (and with the people of) Iram, who were of great stature, 8 the (community) like of whom were never created in the land, 9 and with (the tribe of) Thamood, who carved out (their homes) into the rocks in the (Stone) Valley, 10 and with the Pharaoh of mighty structures? 11 (It was they) who transgressed in the land, 12 and spread therein much corruption, 13 so your Lord let loose upon them a scourge of punishment. 14 Indeed, your Lord is Ever-Vigilant. 15 But as for man, when his Lord tests him, through His generosity and blessings, he says, 'My Lord has (deservedly) honoured me!' 16 But when He tests him, by straitening for him his means of livelihood, he says, 'My Lord has (undeservedly) humiliated me!' 17 Absolutely not! In fact, you do not show any kindness to the orphan, 18 nor do you encourage one another to feed the needy, 19 and you greedily devour the inheritance (of the weak), devouring it (altogether), 20 and you love wealth - with immense love! 21 Nay, but (how will you face the Day of Judgement,) when the earth is entirely crushed over and over, 22 and your Lord comes (to judge) with the angels - rank upon

rank, 23 and on that Day - Hell is brought (within the sight of the beholders). That Day every (denying) person will remember (all that he did, and failed to do), but what is the use of remembering then? 24 He will cry, 'Oh, I wish! I had sent ahead (something good) for my (eternal) life.' 25 None can punish as He punishes on that Day, 26 and none can bind (as) He binds (to the sinners). 27 (But to the righteous, God will say,) O you human being - who has attained to inner peace! 28 Return to your Lord, well-pleased with Him, (and) well-pleasing (to Him), 29 so join my (righteous) servants, 30 and enter My Paradise.

SURAH–90. AL-BALAD

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 I do swear by this city (of Makkah) - 2 and you (O prophet) are free of restriction in this city, 3 and by every parent and (their) child! 4 **INDEED, WE HAVE CREATED MAN (TO LIVE) IN HARD STRUGGLE.**

Note: - Present life of human being is a life with problems. The purpose of the problems is to make human being intellectually developed. Any material progress or advancement can never remove the problem factor from human life, because it is a decree of the Creator for present life. But the chosen people of present test will attain the totally problem-free life in the post death period.

5 Does he think that no one has power over him? 6 He says (boastfully), 'I have spent enormous wealth!' 7 Does he think that no one sees him? 8 Have We not given him two eyes, 9 and a tongue, and two lips, 10 and shown him the two ways (of right and wrong)? 11 **Yet he did not make his way**

through the steep path (of goodness), 12 and what makes you realize what the steep path (of goodness) is? 13 IT IS THE FREEING OF A SLAVE (FROM BONDAGE),

Note: - In human history, slavery of humans by humans was the practice which came into existence through wars. The conquerors used to enslave the defeated people. But the Creator created human beings with freedom, that is why Islam never recognizes slavery as a discipline in human society. No humans can be masters of humans. But slavery had become an integral part of ancient human society. So Islam opted the way of elimination of slavery through a gradual process. And it is the outcome of that process that in the modern age, slavery is not an integral discipline of human society. It has been an important teaching of Islam that freeing a person from bondage is one of the greatest deeds in the eye of God.

14 - or the feeding in times of famine, **15** to an orphan among relatives, **16** or to the poor (afflicted) with misery, **17** then (most importantly) he is of those who attain to faith, and exhort one another to patience, and exhort one another to compassion - **18** such are the people of the right. **19** But those who are bent on denying the truth of Our messages - they are the people of the Left, **20** who will be locked up in the Fire.

SURAH–91. ASH-SHAMS

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 I swear by the sun and its radiant brightness, **2** and by the moon when it follows it, **3** and by the day when it unveils it, **4** and by the night when it covers it (i.e. the sun)! **5** And by the

heaven and how He built it, 6 and by the earth and how He spread it, 7 and by the human-self and how He fashioned it, 8 then He inspired the human-self (to distinguish between) what is right and wrong for it. 9 **SUCCESSFUL INDEED IS HE WHO PURIFIES HIS SELF,** 10 **AND DOOMED IS HE WHO CORRUPTS IT.** 11 (The tribe of) Thamood gave the lie (to the truth), because of their arrogance, 12 when the most wicked of them rose (to kill the she-camel); 13 although God's messenger had warned them, '(Do not disturb) God's she-camel and her (turn to) drink!' 14 But they gave him the lie, and (cruelly) hamstrung the she-camel. So their Lord crushed them for this their crime, levelling all to the ground. 15 And He has no fear of its consequences.

SURAH–92. AL-LAYL

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 I swear by the night when it covers, 2 and by the day when it shines in brightness, 3 and by His creation of male and female! 4 Indeed, (O people) your efforts are (towards) diverse (ends). 5 As for him who gives (for God's cause) and is conscious of God, 6 and (firmly) believes in the best (reward), 7 for him, We will make easy the path towards (ultimate) ease. 8 But as for him who is niggardly and deems himself self-sufficient, 9 and calls the ultimate reward a lie, 10 We will ease his way towards hardship, 11 and his wealth will not avail him (at all) when he falls (into the pit of Hell). 12 It is certainly upon Us (alone) to show (the way to) guidance, 13 and behold, Ours is (the dominion over) the eternal world as well as over this world (of trial). 14 So I have warned you of a raging Fire, 15 (the Fire) in which none will burn except the most wicked, 16 who gives the lie (to the truth) and turns away (from it). 17 But the one who is (truly) conscious of God will be saved from it, 18 the one who spends (from) his wealth (for God's cause) to purify himself, 19 seeking no favour in return from anyone, 20

but only for seeking the countenance of his Lord (i.e. the goodly acceptance of his Lord) - the Most High, 21 and soon, he will surely be pleased.

SURAH–93. AD-DHUHAA

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 I swear by the morning sunlight, 2 and by the night when it falls still! 3 Your Lord has not forsaken you (O prophet), nor has He become displeased (with you). 4 **THE POST-DEATH ETERNAL LIFE IS CERTAINLY FAR BETTER FOR YOU THAN THIS PRE-DEATH PART (OF LIFE)!** 5 And soon your Lord will certainly give you (so much of His bounty) that you will be well-pleased (with what He will give). 6 Did He not find you an orphan then take good care of you? 7 Did He not find you wandering (for the truth), then guide you, 8 Did He not find you in need, then enrich you? 9 So as for the orphan, do not treat him with oppression, 10 and as for one who seeks (your) help - do not rebuff (him). 11 And proclaim the blessings of your Lord.

SURAH–94. ASH-SHARH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Have We not opened up your heart (for guidance, O prophet), 2 and relieved you of your burden, 3 which had weighed so heavily on your back? 4 And (have We not) given you high renown? 5 Behold, with every hardship there comes ease (i.e. where there is difficulty, there is always opportunity).

6 Undoubtedly, with every hardship there comes ease! 7 So whenever you have finished your duties, then strive (in worship), 8 turning to your Lord (alone) with (all) your attention.

SURAH–95. AT-TEEN

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 I swear by the fig and the olive (of Jerusalem), 2 and by the Mount (Sinai), 3 and by this secured city (i.e. Makkah). 4 Indeed, We created man in the best of mould, 5 but We reduce him to the lowest of the low, 6 except for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, then they will have a reward never-ending! 7 So after this, what causes you to give the lie to the Recompense, (O man)? 8 Is God not the Most Just (Judge) of all judges?

SURAH–96. AL-ALAQ

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Read! In the Name of your Lord, Who created (all that exists), 2 created man from a clinging clot (of blood). 3 Read! For your Lord is the Most Bountiful One - 4 **WHO TAUGHT (MAN) THE USE OF PEN,** 5 taught man what he did not know.

Note: - Use of pen is the unique quality which has been bestowed only to human being among all living beings.

6 In fact, man crosses the limits, 7 because he deems himself to be self-sufficient. 8 (But) surely to your Lord is the return (of

all). 9 Have you seen the one who prevents 10 a servant (of God from praying) when he prays? 11 What if this (servant) is rightly guided, 12 and enjoins to be God-conscious? 13 How about the one who gives the lie to the truth and turns (his) back (towards it, will he then be safe from the outcome)? 14 Does he not know that God sees (all)? 15 But no! If he does not desist, We will certainly drag him by the forelock - 16 a lying, sinful forelock. 17 Then let him call his associates; 18 and We too will summon the wardens of Hell (to deal with him). 19 Again, no! Never obey him! **BUT PROSTRATE YOURSELF AND COME CLOSER (TO GOD).**

Note: - The entire Quran is filled up with such admonitions. These admonitions clearly indicate that the Quran is a Book - giving the lessons of peace and spirituality, not the lessons of hatred and violence. No doubt, prostrating is an ultimate act of peace and spirituality.

SURAH–97. AL-QADR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Behold, We began to reveal the Quran during the night of Decree. 2 And what makes you realize what the night of Decree is? 3 The night of Decree is better than thousand months. 4 On that night, the angels and the Spirit (i.e. Gabriel) descend by the leave of their Lord, along with every command. 5 It is all peace until the break of dawn.

SURAH–98. AL-BAYYINAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 The deniers of the truth from among the people of earlier (divine) Book, and those who associated others with God (in His divinity) were not (expected) to desist from (their false belief) until there comes to them the clear evidence of the truth - 2 a messenger from God, conveying to them the (divine)

Scriptures - purified (of all falsehood), 3 wherein are all the upright commandments. 4 (But) those who were given the Book earlier did not become divided except after clear evidence of the truth had come to them, 5 although they were commanded only to worship God, making their submission exclusive for Him, and turning away from all that is false, and that they should be constant in prayer and spend in charity - and that is the ever-true religion. 6 Indeed, those who (despite clear evidence of the truth) are bent on denying the truth, (be they) from among the followers of the (earlier divine) Book, or from among those who ascribe divinity to others besides (the One True) God - will find themselves in the Fire of Hell, to abide therein forever. It is they who are (indeed) the worst of all creatures. 7 As for those who attain to faith and do righteous deeds, it is they who are the best of all creatures. 8 Their reward with their Lord is Gardens of perpetual bliss, through which running waters flow, they will abide therein forever. God is well-pleased with them, and they are well-pleased with Him. This is only for him who fears his Lord.

SURAH–99. AL-ZALZALAH

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1 When the earth is shaken (in) its ultimate quaking, 2 and (when) the earth throws out (all) its contents, 3 and man will cry, 'What is wrong with it?' 4 On that Day it will recount all its happenings (i.e. all events occurred on it), 5 having been inspired by your Lord (to do so).

6 ON THAT DAY, ALL PEOPLE WILL COME FORWARD IN SEPARATE GROUPS, TO BE SHOWN

(THE CONSEQUNCES OF) THEIR DEEDS.
7 SO WHOEVER DOES AN ATOM'S WEIGHT OF GOOD WILL SEE IT,
8 AND WHOEVER DOES AN ATOM'S WEIGHT OF EVIL WILL SEE IT.

SURAH–100. AL-AADIYAAT

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1 (I do swear) by those that run with panting (breath), 2 striking sparks of fire (with their hooves), 3 launching raids at dawn, 4 raising up thereby clouds of dust, 5 and penetrating into the heart of enemy lines! 6 Indeed, man is very ungrateful to his Lord - 7 and indeed, he (himself) is a witness to that, 8 for he is truly extreme in his love of wealth. 9 But does he not know that (on the Last Day,) when the contents of the graves will be brought out, 10 and what is (hidden) in the hearts of people will be exposed? 11 Surely, on that Day, (they will come to know that) their Lord has been Ever-Aware of them all.

SURAH–101. AL-QAARIA'H

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1 (Oh,) the Striking Disaster! 2 What is the Striking Disaster! 3 And what makes you realize what the Striking

Disaster is? 4 (It is) the Day people will be like scattered moths, 5 and the mountains will be like carded wool. 6 So as for him whose scale is heavy (with good deeds) 7 will find himself in a happy state of life. 8 And as for him whose scale (of good deeds) is light, 9 his abode will be the pit (of Hell). 10 And what makes you realize what it is? 11 (It is) a scorching Fire!

SURAH–102. AT-TAKAATHUR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Greed for more and more distracts you (from God), 2 until you reach (your) graves. 3 But no! You will soon come to know. 4 Again, no! You will soon come to know. 5 No indeed! If you could but understand (it) with an understanding (born) of certainty (you would have acted differently). 6 (But) you will surely see the blazing Fire. 7 Again, you will surely see it with the eye of certainty. 8 **THEN, ON THAT DAY, YOU WILL SURELY BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR ALL THE BOUNTIES (YOU ENJOYED IN WORLDLY LIFE)!**

SURAH–103. AL-ASR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 I do swear by (the passage of) time! 2 Mankind is indeed in a state of loss, 3 except for those who attain to faith, and do righteous deeds, and exhort one another (to hold fast) to the truth, and exhort one another to remain steadfast.

SURAH–104. AL-HUMAZAH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Woe to every slanderer and backbiter! 2 (Woe to him) who amasses wealth (greedily) and counts it (repeatedly), 3 thinking that his wealth will make him live forever. 4 Not at all! (But in the eternal life) such a person will certainly be cast into the crushing torment! 5 And what makes you realize what the crushing torment is? 6 It is the Fire kindled by God, 7 which rages over the (sinful) hearts, 8 Indeed, it closes in on them (from every side), 9 in towering columns!

SURAH–105. AL-FEEL

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Are you not aware of how your Lord dealt with the army of the elephant? 2 Did He not frustrate their scheme? 3 He sent against them flocks of birds, 4 which pelted them with clay stones, 5 making them like chewed up straw.

SURAH–106. QURAYSH

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 For the (accustomed) security of the Quraysh, 2 their (accustomed) security during their (trade-)journeys in the winter and the summer - 3 let them worship the Lord of this House (i.e. the Lord of the Kaabah); 4 Who has fed them against hunger and made them secure against fear.

SURAH–107. AL-MAAOON

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Have you ever seen (the kind of man) who gives the lie to the Recompense? 2 (Behold,) it is this (kind of man) who repulses the orphan, 3 and does not encourage others to feed the

needy. 4 So woe to those (hypocrites) who pray - 5 but are unmindful of (the spirit) of their prayers, 6 those who (only) show off (i.e. they do good to be seen by others), 7 and refuse to give (even the simplest) aid (to the needy).

SURAH–108. AL-KAWTHAR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 (O prophet!) Indeed, We have granted you abundant goodness. 2 So pray to your Lord (alone) and sacrifice. 3 Indeed, it is your enemy who has been cut off (from all goodness).

SURAH–109. AL-KAAFIROON

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Say, 'O you who deny the truth! 2 I do not worship what you worship, 3 nor do you worship what I worship. 4 Never will I worship what you worship, 5 nor will you ever worship what I worship. 6 **TO YOU IS YOUR RELIGION, AND TO ME MINE!**

Note: - Islam is the ideology of pure and preserved truth, but this present world is a testing ground, it is a test for discovering the truth. So Islam does not compel anybody to accept the truth. After delivering the message of the truth, Islam says to those who are bent on denying the truth - to you is your religion, and to me mine.

SURAH–110. AN-NASR

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 When God's (ultimate) help comes, and the victory (over Makkah is achieved), 2 and you do see people entering into the religion of God in multitudes. 3 So extol your Lord's infinite

glory with His praise (and gratitude), and seek His forgiveness, for, behold, He is Ever-Acceptor of repentance.

SURAH–111. AL-MASAD

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 May the hands of Abu-Lahab perish, and he (himself) perish! 2 His wealth did not avail him, nor whatever he earned. 3 He will soon (enter to) burn in a blazing Fire, 4 and so will his wife - who carries the firewood, 5 around her neck she will have a rope of palm-fibre.

SURAH–112. AL-IKHLAAS

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 SAY, HE IS THE ONE GOD, 2 GOD - THE SELF-SUFFICIENT ONE. 3 HE NEITHER BEGETS, NOR WAS HE BEGOTTEN. 4 THERE IS NONE EQUAL TO HIM.'

Note: - This chapter of the Quran is an introduction to God. It shows the clear difference between God and man i.e. the Creator and the creation in black and white manner.

SURAH–113. AL-FALAQ

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Say, 'I seek refuge with the Lord of the daybreak, 2 from the evil of whatever He has created, 3 and from the evil of darkness when it spreads around, 4 and from the evil of those who blow on knots (i.e. those who do occult things), 5 and from the evil of the envier when he envies.

SURAH–114. AN-NAAS

In The Name Of God - The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

1 Say, 'I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind, 2 the Sovereign of mankind, 3 the God of mankind, 4 from the evil of the lurking whisperer - 5 who whispers into the hearts of people - 6 from among the jinn-kind and mankind.

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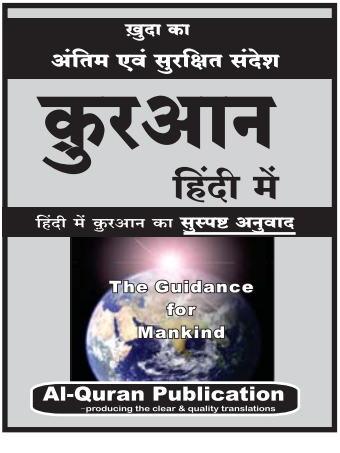

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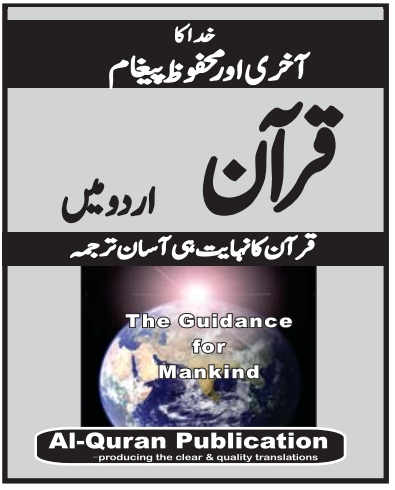

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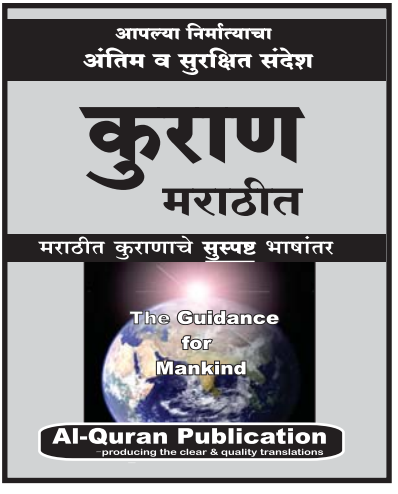

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